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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – GASTRIC CANCER

I write in response to your request for information in relation to gastric cancer prescribing.

Question:

1. How many patients were treated in the last 3 months with any systemic anti-cancer therapies for Gastric cancer or cancer of the Gastro-Oesophageal Junction?

Answer:

There were eight.

Question:

2. How many patients were treated in the past 3 months for gastric cancer (any stage) with:
 - a. CAPOX (Capecitabine with Oxaliplatin)
 - b. FOLFOX (Folinic acid, Fluorouracil and Oxaliplatin)
 - c. Lonsurf (Trifluridine - tipiracil)
 - d. Nivolumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)
 - e. Pembrolizumab (any formulation) in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)
 - f. Pembrolizumab (395 mg or 790mg solution for injection only) in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)
 - g. Zolbetuximab (Vyloy)
 - h. Any other systemic anti-cancer therapy
 - i. Palliative care only = Data unavailable, requires linkage
 - j. Trastuzumab in combination with cisplatin and capecitabine (or 5-fluorouracil)
 - k. Taxanes (e.g. docetaxel, paclitaxel)
 - l. Irinotecan Chemotherap

Answer:

a.	0
b.	0

c.	0
d.	0
e.	0
f.	0
g.	0
h.	8
i.	Not held centrally, requires linkage
j.	0
j.	0
l.	0

Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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