

Freedom of Information request 582-18

Request & Response

- 1.1 Please state the total number of new multiple myeloma patients diagnosed in your health board area for the years 2015, 2016 and 2017 combined. Include patients that are primarily treated in your area originating from an island health board area

Within NHS Borders there were 24 new cases diagnosed.

- 1.2 Please state whether adult patients requiring intensive chemotherapy for acute myeloid leukaemia are treated within your health board, if they sent to a centre in another health board area or if there is some form of split arrangement.

Patients with acute leukaemia fit enough for intensive treatment are sent to Western General Haematology. Those for palliative/supportive care or gentle chemo (cytosine/azacytidine /hydroxycarbamide are managed at Borders General Hospital.

- 1.3 Please state the number of new patients attending Haematology department clinics during the calendar years of 2015, 2016 and 2017.

There were 707 new patients.

- 1.4 Please state the number of return patients attending Haematology department clinics during the calendar years of 2015, 2016 and 2017.

There were 6052 returning patients.

- 2.1 Adult service Haematology consultants, funded head count.

3 Consultants.

- 2.2 Adult service Haematology consultants -total number of funded programmed activity sessions (DCC, SPA & EPA). **Ignore WTEs/PAs in support of University, SNBTS work or paediatric work**

30 sessions.

- 3.1 Adult service funded non-consultant haematology career grade medical staff, head count

Not applicable – no career grade posts.

- 3.2 Adult service funded non-consultant haematology career grade medical staff, total number of funded programmed activity sessions (DCC & SPA) or WTE. **Ignore WTEs/PAs in support of University, SNBTS work or paediatric work**

Not applicable.

- 4.1 Adult service funded Haematology specialist registrar staff working in board area, head count.

Not applicable – no specialty registrar posts.

4.2 Adult service funded Haematology specialist registrar staff working in board area, whole time equivalents.

Not applicable.

5.1 Adult service funded Haematology specialist nurses working in board area, head count.

One specialist nurse.

5.2 Adult service funded Haematology specialist nurses working in board area, whole time equivalents.

One WTE.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **582-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.