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Freedom of Information request 456-23

Request and Response

I am analysing the treatment of lung cancer and would greatly appreciate if you could answer the following questions:

- 1. How many patients has your Trust treated in the past 3 months for:
 - Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) any treatment
 Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) surgical treatment
 Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) radiotherapy
 Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) systemic anti-cancer treatment (SACT)
- 2. How many Non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) patients were treated in the past 3 months with:

•	ALK Inhibitors (Alectinib, Brigatinib, Ceritinib, Crizotinib, Lorlatinib) Amivantamab Atezolizumab monotherapy Atezolizumab with chemotherapy Dabrafenib + Trametinib Durvalumab Gemcitabine Nitendanib + Docetaxel Nivolumab Osimertinib	<5 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 <5 <5
•	Other EGFR Inhibitors (Afatinib, Erlotinib, Gefitinib, Dacomitinib, Mobocertinib) Paclitaxel Pembrolizumab monotherapy Pembrolizumab with chemotherapy Pemetrexed with carboplatin/cisplatin	<5 0 6 <5 0
•	RET Inhibitors (Pralsetinib, Selpercatinib) Sotorasib Tepotinib Vinorelbine monotherapy or combination with Carboplatin/Cisplatin Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy [please state] Palliative care only	0 <5 0 0 5

3. Of the NSCLC patients treated with Nivolumab in the past 3 months, how many patients received (surgery) or are scheduled to receive surgical treatment after commencement of the treatment with Nivolumab?

NHS Borders do not perform NSCLC surgical treatment, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol.

^{*} NHS Borders do not perform NSCLC surgical treatment or radiotherapy.

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 **456-23** 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, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.