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## Freedom of Information request 512-23

## Request

- Q1. Does your trust treat myeloproliferative neoplasms? If not, which other trust do you refer these patients to?
- Q2. Please provide the total number of patients treated in the last 6 months for:
  - Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)
  - Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)
  - Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients aged 65 and older
- Q3. How many patients were treated in the past 6 months (for any disease) with:
  - Ruxolitinib
  - Fedratinib
- Q4. Of the patients treated in the past 6 months with Ruxolitinib, how many patients had a diagnosis for:
  - Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)
  - Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)
- Q5. How many myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients has your trust diagnosed in the past 3 years?
  - Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Hydroxycarbamide?
  - Of these patients, how many were treated in the past 6 months with Interferon therapy?
  - Of these patients, how many have received no active treatment in the past 6 months?
- Q6. Does your trust participate in any clinical trials for the treatment of myelofibrosis? If so, can you please provide the name of each trial along with the number of patients taking part.

## Response

- Q1. NHS Borders does treat Myeloproliferative Neoplasms.
- Q2. The number of patients treated between 1 January 2023 and 30 June 2023 is:
  - Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)
  - Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)
     <5 (all aged 65 or over)</li>
  - Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) patients aged 65 and older
- Q3. The number of patients treated between 1 January 2023 and 30 June 2023 is:
  - Ruxolitinib
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  - Fedratinib
- Q4. The number of patients with a diagnosis is:
  - Polycythaemia Vera (ICD10 code D45)
  - Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4)
- Q5. The number of Myelofibrosis (ICD10 code D47.4) diagnosed in the past 3 years is <5:
  - treated in the past 6 months with Hydroxycarbamide <5
  - treated in the past 6 months with Interferon therapy <5
  - received no active treatment in the past 6 months **0**

Q6. NHS Borders is not currently participating in any clinical trials for Myelofibrosis.

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.

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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 **512-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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