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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to multiple myeloma.

Section 1 – Treatment and Management

1. *How many patients has your Trust diagnosed with multiple myeloma in the calendar year 2014?*

40

2. *How many multiple myeloma patients in your Trust received systemic anti-cancer treatment in the calendar year 2014?*

102

3. *How many patients aged 75 years and over has your Trust diagnosed with multiple myeloma in the calendar year 2014?*

17

4. *How many multiple myeloma patients aged 75 years and over in your Trust received systemic anti-cancer treatment in the calendar year 2014?*

38

5. *Does your Trust produce local guidelines to support the management of elderly cancer patients?*

No.

6. *Does your Trust produce local guidelines to support the management of elderly multiple myeloma patients?*

No

(Note: Multiple Myeloma is defined by the ICD-10 code as C90.0 - C90.3)

Section 2 – Specialist Geriatric Input

7. *Does your Trust's multiple myeloma multidisciplinary team (MM MDT) include input from a geriatrician?*

No.

- a. *If so, does a geriatrician routinely attend all MM MDT meetings?*
- b. *How often does the MM MDT meet?*

The Trust does not have a specific MDM for MM. There is a combined haematological MDM every Friday.

8. *Do multiple myeloma patients aged 75 and over at diagnosis routinely receive a consultation with a geriatrician?*

No

- a. *If so, does this happen prior to making a decision as to whether a patient is suitable for systemic anticancer therapy?*
- b. *If, so does information from this consultation feed into clinical decision making?*

Not applicable.

9. *How frequently do all multiple myeloma patients aged 75 years and over receive a consultation with a geriatrician?*

- a. *How is this information used in these consultations fed into clinical management and decision making?*

Not applicable.

Section 3 – Specific Tools and Metrics

10. *Does your Trust use Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment to assess if a patient with cancer is suitable for treatment?*

- a. *If so, what proportion of multiple myeloma patients aged 75 and over received the assessment in 2014?*
- b. *Who routinely carries out this assessment (i.e. a nurse or a consultant – and what type of consultant (haematologist or geriatric))?*

11. *Does your Trust routinely assess patients over the age of 75 according to a Comorbidity Score (either a standardised score such as the Charlson index or a local 'in house' score, please specify)?*

- a. *If so, what proportion of multiple myeloma patients aged 75 and over received the assessment in 2014?*
- b. *Who routinely carries out this assessment (i.e. a nurse or a consultant - and what type of consultant (haematologist or geriatric))?*

12. Does your Trust routinely assess patients over the age of 75 according to a Clinical Frailty Scale (either a standardised scale or a local 'in house' scale, please specify)?

a. If so, what proportion of multiple myeloma patients aged 75 and over received the assessment in 2014?

b. Who routinely carries out this assessment (i.e. a nurse or a consultant - and what type of consultant (haematologist or geriatric))?

The Trust does not use any specific tools or measures for patients over the age of 75, as yet but are working to review this for our patients.