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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 VTE in cancer.

**Venous thromboembolism (VTE) in cancer patients**

**Part 1: Incidence**

**Question 1:** How many patients has your Trust treated for cancer (of all types) in each of the past three years?

- a) 2014 - 2288
- b) 2013 - 2442
- c) 2012 - 2310

**Question 2:** Of the patients treated for cancer, how many also had a diagnosis of venous thromboembolism (VTE) {VTE is defined by the following ICD 10 codes: I80.0-I80.3, I80.8-I80.9, I82.9, O22.2 – O22.3, O87.0 – O87.1, I26.0, and I26.9} in each of the past three years?

- a) 2014 - 11
- b) 2013 - 12
- c) 2012 - 14

**Question 3:** Of the patients treated for cancer who also had a diagnosis of VTE in each of the past three years, how many:

	2014	2013	2012
Were receiving chemotherapy?			
Had metastatic disease?			
Had localised disease?			
Were treated for brain cancer?			
Were treated for lung cancer?			
Were treated for uterine cancer?			
Were treated for bladder cancer?			

Were treated for pancreatic cancer?			
Were treated for stomach cancer?			
Were treated for kidney cancer?			

This information is not held electronically and would require the manual searching of all patient notes for any patient diagnosed with cancer in 2012-2014. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.

### Part 2: Mortality

**Question 4:** In how many patient deaths within your Trust was cancer (of any type) listed as the **primary** cause of death in each of the past three years:

- a) 2014
- b) 2013
- c) 2012

The Trust does not hold data for the primary cause of death therefore the figures below are those with a primary diagnosis of cancer and a discharge method showing as died.

- a) 2014: 178
- b) 2013: 187
- c) 2012: 212

**Question 5:** Of the patients who died within your Trust, in how many was VTE **as well** as cancer listed as a cause of death in each of the past three years:

- a) 2014 - 2
- b) 2013 - 0
- c) 2012 - 1

**Question 6:** Of the patients who died in your Trust who had both VTE **and** cancer listed as a cause of death, how many:

	2014	2013	2012
Were receiving chemotherapy?			
Were treated for brain cancer?			
Were treated for lung cancer?			
Were treated for uterine cancer?			

Were treated for bladder cancer?			
Were treated for pancreatic cancer?			
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### **Part 3: Advice given to patients**

**Question 7:** Are patients who receive chemotherapy provided with written and verbal information about the risk of developing VTE during chemotherapy?

Yes

**Question 8:** Are patients who receive chemotherapy provided with written and verbal information which outlines the symptoms suggestive of VTE?

Yes

**Question 9:** Are patients who receive chemotherapy provided with written and verbal information regarding what action they should take if they suspect a Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) or Pulmonary Embolism (PE)?

Yes

**Question 10:** Does your Trust have a policy or pathway for the management of suspected VTE in patients receiving chemotherapy?

Yes