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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 Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and Lupus nephritis (LN).

You asked:

Question 1

What guidelines or protocols do you refer to regarding the management of patients with:

- a) Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)*
- b) Lupus nephritis (LN)*

Question 2

Please detail the number of patients that were admitted as an inpatient or day case in the last 12 months for the following primary diagnosis: (M321)

Question 3

Do you refer patients within the ICD10 code M321 to another Trust?

3a. If you answered 'Yes', please detail which Trusts you refer patients to.

Question 4

Is there a specific clinic for LN patients at your Trust?

Question 5

Please complete the number of patients prescribed with the following products in the last 12 months within the ICD10 code Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321):

- i. Azathioprine*
- ii. Belimumab*
- iii. Ciclosporin*
- iv. Cyclophosphamide*
- v. Mycophenolate mofetil*
- vi. Oral tacrolimus*

Question 6

Has a shared care agreement/arrangement been established between your institution and primary care for the treatment of lupus nephritis?

6a. If you answered 'Yes', which of the following medicines can be prescribed within the shared care agreement?

i. Azathioprine

ii. Ciclosporin

iii. Cyclophosphamide

iv. Mycophenolate mofetil (MMF)

v. Oral tacrolimus

Question 7

Has a shared care agreement/arrangement been established between your institution and a tertiary centre for the treatment of lupus nephritis?

7a. If so, please specify what medicines can be prescribed in secondary care within these shared care agreements.

Question 8

What is the name of your local integrated care system?

Question 9

For the LN patient pathway, is care commissioned by:

Activity Block contract

Blended payment

Trust response:

Question 1

a) Protocols used are:

BILAG

SLEDAI

BSR guidelines

b) Not applicable, Lupus Nephritis would be dealt with by the renal team.

Renal services in Kent are run by East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust.

Question 2

The Trust has one patient who falls into the criteria requested. Due to this very small number any further more detailed information will not be released under Section 40 of the Act.

Question 3

Systemic lupus erythematosus would be referred to the Trust directly but any complex cases or patients needing biologics would be referred to Guys and St Thomas' for management +/- shared care

Question 4

Not applicable, Lupus Nephritis would be dealt with by the renal team. Renal services in Kent are run by East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust.

Question 5

Please see the following table.

Please complete the number of patients prescribed with the following products in the last 12 months within the ICD10 code Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321):

	Diagnosis (ICD10 code)
Product	Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321)
Azathioprine	We do not keep a database of the number of patients on azathioprine so cannot give this information
Belimumab	We have not prescribed Belimumab for any patient in the past 12 months
Ciclosporin	We do not keep a database of the number of patients on ciclosporin so cannot give this information
Cyclophosphamide	We have not prescribed cyclophosphamide for any patient in the past 12 months
Mycophenolate mofetil	We do not keep a database of the number of patients on Mycophenolate so cannot give this information
Oral tacrolimus	Not used

Question 6

Not applicable, Lupus Nephritis would be dealt with by the renal team. Renal services in Kent are run by East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust.

Question 7

Not applicable, Lupus Nephritis would be dealt with by the renal team. Renal services in Kent are run by East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust.

Question 8

Kent and Medway ICS

Question 9

Not applicable, Lupus Nephritis would be dealt with by the renal team. Renal services in Kent are run by East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust.