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Email only

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## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to variability of treatment and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 1. In the past 3 months (or the latest 3 months data you have available), how many melanoma patients were treated with:**
  - Bevacizumab (Avastin)
  - Dacarbazine (DTIC)
  - Trametinib (Mekinist)
  - Dabrafenib (Tafinlar)
  - Ipilimumab (Yervoy)
  - Vemurafenib (Zelboraf)
  - Nivolumab (Opdivo)
  - Nivolumab + Ipilimumab (Opdivo + Yervoy)
  - Pembrolizumab (Keytruda)
  - Vemurafenib + cobimetinib (Zelboraf + Cotellic)
  - Dabrafenib + Trametinib (Tafinlar + Mekinist)
  - Braftovi (encorafenib) in combination with Mektovi (binimetinib) for BRAF V600 patients
  - Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy [please state]
  - Palliative care only – 0\*
- 2. In the past 3 months (or the latest 3 months data you have available), how many metastatic melanoma patients were treated with the following:**

- **Ipilimumab**
- **Ipilimumab AND Nivolumab**
- **Nivolumab**
- **Pembrolizumab**
- **Dabrafenib AND Trametinib**
- **Any Other Targeted Therapy (Dabrafenib /Encorafenib AND Binimetinib /Trametinib /Vemurafenib /Vemurafenib AND Cobimetinib)**
- **Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy**
- **Palliative care only – 0\***

The Trust does not treat either melanoma or metastatic melanoma patients on any of our sites. For further information we advise you to contact either South Tees NHS Foundation Trust or The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. If you wish to contact them in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact them via the following postal addresses:

South Tees NHS Foundation Trust:  
Murray Building  
The James Cook University Hospital  
Marton Road  
Middlesbrough, TS4 3BW

The Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
Freeman Road  
Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE7 7DW

\*Please note that it is rare for diagnosed melanoma/metastatic melanoma patient to be treated as palliative care only. Most would have either already had an earlier surgical/systemic treatment as this is not a cancer type that is usually treated by drugs only.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane,

Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website;  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely  
**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**