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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 30<sup>th</sup> May 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 radium-223 molecular radiotherapy use and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

**1. Please complete the table below:**

<b>Radium-223 dichloride service</b>	
Is radium-223 dichloride offered in your trust as a treatment for prostate cancer? <b>(y/n)</b>	
If yes, please list the indications for which it is used in your trust?	

**2. Please detail the number of patients that are treated with radium-223 dichloride in your trust:**

<b>Patient numbers</b>	
Number of prostate cancer patients completing treatment with radium-223 dichloride per year	
Number of prostate cancer patients initiating radium-223 dichloride treatment per year	
What is the average number of cycles administered per patient in your service?	

<b>Patient numbers</b>	
What is the waiting time before patients can receive radium-223 dichloride?	
How many patients are initiated with cabazitaxel per year in your trust?	

The Trust does not have a urology/prostate service, all patients are referred from their GP to either South Tees or Sunderland. For further information please contact either South Tees NHS Foundation Trust or South Tyneside and Sunderland 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 do so via the following postal addresses:

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

South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust  
Freedom of Information Office  
Harton Wing  
South Tyneside District Hospital  
Harton Lane  
South Shields  
NE34 0PL

**3. In what department is molecular radiotherapy provided in your trust?**

<b>Administration</b>	Radium-223 dichloride	177Lutetium based radioligand therapy for neuroendocrine tumours
Nuclear Medicine		
Medical Physics		
Radiotherapy		
Oncology		
Urology		
Other		
N/A		

**4. What codes are associated with molecular radiotherapy administration in your trust?**

<b>NHS codes</b>	HRG	OPCS code
Radium-223 dichloride		

**5. Please complete the table below:**

<b>Who performs the</b>	Radium-223 dichloride	177Lutetium based radioligand
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<b>administration of the treatment?</b>		therapy for neuroendocrine tumours
CNS		
Technician		
NM nurse		
NM physicist		
NM Consultant		
Oncologist		
Other ( <i>please state</i> )		

**6. Who holds the ARSAC licence in your trust?**

<b>Administration</b>	<b>(y/n)</b>	Radium-223 dichloride	177Lutetium based radioligand therapy for neuroendocrine tumours
Nuclear Medicine consultant			
Clinical Oncologist			
Radiologist			
Other ( <i>please state speciality</i> )			

**7. Do you provide Radioactive Waste Advisory, Radiation Protection Advisory and Medical Physics Expert services in your trust or are they outsourced?**

<b>Radiation safety (y/n)</b>	Conducted in-house <i>(If so, please provide the number of full-time equivalents providing these services in your centre)</i>	Outsourced
Radioactive Waste Adviser (RWA)		
Radiation Protection Adviser (RPA)		
Medical Physics Expert (MPE)		

**8. Please complete the table below:**

<b>Dosimetry</b>	<b>(y/n)</b>	If yes, what is the schedule after each administration?	If yes, is this analysed in-house or outsourced?
Is dosimetry performed for radium-223 dichloride prostate cancer patients?			

The Trust does not provide radiotherapy services, all radiotherapy is conducted in the Tertiary Centres. For further information please 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 do so via the following postal addresses:

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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

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**