

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF23-763

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested. Please see below answers in bold.

NB: All of the following requests are relating to the treatment of adults (16 years +) only.

The information we request is from your most recent data.

1. Which haematological cancers are treated at your Trust?

All haematological cancers are treated in this Trust with the exception of the rare cancers where less than five cases are seen in a year. In such cases, e.g. Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia and Burkitts Lymphoma, patients are referred to specialist centres in London for their treatment, although we do often support these patients with blood tests and blood product support once stabilised as outpatients when it is safe to do so. We do not treat blood cancer in children.

2. How many blood cancer patients are under the care of your Trust?

4982 patients

3. Total number of haematological Clinical Nurse Specialists are in the Trust?

Four full-time CNSs covering the three acute hospitals in the Trust.

4. Total number of leukaemia specific CNS's are in the trust?

There are no leukaemia specific CNSs in the Trust

- a) If you do have leukaemia specific CNS's in the trust, how many leukaemia patients are there per leukaemia CNS's?

N/A

- b) Do have myeloid and lymphoid specific CNS's and if so, how many of each?

No

5. Are haematological/ blood cancer CNS's required to undertake normal ward duties?

No. However, in times of staff shortages CNSs may be asked to work on the chemotherapy units but this is not in the CNSs job plan.

6. Have you measured patient access to CNS's within the Trust? If so, what was the outcome?

This is part of the National Cancer Patient Experience Survey (NCPES). All patients have access to the CNS via the Cancer Careline. Patients are offered call back at a specific time which will be the same day or next working day, depending on need and urgency. This is in addition to emergency and chemotherapy out of hours contact.

7. Do you have, or plan to have any funding in place for training more haematology or blood cancer specific CNS's?

Yes, funding is in place and we are in the process of recruiting another CNS specifically to support the Myeloproliferative Neoplasm (MPN) patients.

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