FOI 2779

Date 12/01/2024

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

*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?

Luton: Myeloma, Lymphoma – Hodgkins and Non-Hodgkins, Leukaemia – AML, CML, CLL, MDS, PMN, MF

Bedford: Myeloma, Lymphoma – Hodgkins and Non-Hodgkins, Leukaemia – AML, CML, CLL, LGL, MDS, PMN, MF

1. How many blood cancer patients are under the care of your trust?

Luton: approx. 300 under active treatment – other information unknown

Bedford: Approx. 320 malignancies.

1. Total number of haematological Clinical Nurse Specialists are in the trust?

Luton: 2 WTE CNS, 0.6 WTE Support Nurse

Bedford: 6

1. Total number of leukaemia specific CNS’s are in the trust?

* If you do have leukaemia specific CNS’s in the trust, how many leukaemia patients are there per leukaemia CNS’s?
* Do have myeloid and lymphoid specific CNS’s and if so, how many of each?

Luton & Bedford: No tumour specific nurses cover all patients

1. Are haematological/ blood cancer CNS’s required to undertake normal ward duties?

Luton & Bedford: No

1. Have you measured patient access to CNS’s within the trust? If so, what was the outcome?

Luton: Not locally, however this is covered on the National Cancer Patient Experience Survey

Bedford: No

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

Luton & Bedford: Yes

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Yours sincerely,

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