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Subject: Multiple Myeloma

REQUEST

I am requesting the following information on local healthcare and support service provision for multiple myeloma patients. Please provide the following information:

As of 1st January 2024:

1. Total population size served by Regional Board?
2. Number of hospitals providing oncology services?
3. Total number of consultant haematologists employed; specialist haematology registrars employed; consultant haematologists specialising in multiple myeloma; haematology clinical nurse specialists employed and multiple myeloma clinical nurse specialists.

During 2023 (01/01/2023 – 31/12/2024), please provide the:

4. Total number of multiple myeloma (MM) cases diagnosed? Please state which code(s) were used.
5. If known, how many people were diagnosed with smouldering multiple myeloma?
6. How many in-person haematology-based consultation / telephone haematology-based consultations / video haematology-based consultation took place for people diagnosed with MM?
7. Were MM patients discussed / reviewed at an MM specific MDT or general haematology MDT?
8. How frequently did MDT meetings meet?
9. What percentage of MM patients diagnosed in 2023 were reviewed / discussed at an MDT?

10. Which professionals / disciplines are represented on MDT meetings for MM?

11. What supportive and palliative care services are available for MM patients?

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

This response is for MWL

1. Total population size served by Regional Board?

Since the creation of the Mersey and West Lancs Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust earlier this year, there has been considerable work undertaken to merge all population information. As such, at this time, we are unable to answer this question with any accuracy.

2. Number of hospitals providing oncology services?

4 sites: Whiston, Southport, St Helens, and Ormskirk.

3. Total number of consultant haematologists employed; specialist haematology registrars employed; consultant haematologists specialising in multiple myeloma; haematology clinical nurse specialists employed and multiple myeloma clinical nurse specialists.

5.6 WTE Consultants. 2 WTE ST grade Drs. All Consultants treat Myeloma patients. 3 WTE Nurse Clinicians and 3 WTE Clinical Nurse Specialists.

During 2023 (01/01/2023 – 31/12/2024), please provide the:

4. Total number of multiple myeloma (MM) cases diagnosed? Please state which code(s) were used.

29 primary and 1 recurrence on code C900.

5. If known, how many people were diagnosed with smouldering multiple myeloma?

Section 12: cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

We would need to undertake a manual review of clinical notes to provide a response, which we estimate would exceed the appropriate time limit.

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not have to comply with a request where it is estimated that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit is specified within the regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days answering the request, either wholly or partially.

6. How many in-person haematology-based consultation / telephone haematology-based consultations / video haematology-based consultation took place for people diagnosed with MM?

Please see response to question five – although it should be noted we undertake very few video haematology-based consultations, if any.

7. Were MM patients discussed / reviewed at an MM specific MDT or general haematology MDT?

Please see response to question five.

8. How frequently did MDT meetings meet?

Weekly

9. What percentage of MM patients diagnosed in 2023 were reviewed / discussed at an MDT?

Please see response to question five.

10. Which professionals / disciplines are represented on MDT meetings for MM?

Consultant Haematologists, Radiologists, Nurse Specialists, Clinical Oncologist, and Registrar.

11. What supportive and palliative care services are available for MM patients?

Clinical nurse specialist. SPCT in house and outpatient SPCT via MacMillan and hospices. Day unit.