

Ref. No: 1830  
Date: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
Subject: Chemotherapy Delivery

## REQUEST

1. Does your Trust manage or outsource chemotherapy preparation?
2. How many chemotherapy drugs did you make in January 2025?
3. How many chemotherapy drugs did you make in February 2025?
4. How many chemotherapy drugs did you make in March 2025?
5. What was your total volume (in number of doses) of chemotherapy preparation in the year 24/25?
6. What was your total volume (in number of doses) of chemotherapy preparation in the year 23/24?
7. What did your Trust spend on chemotherapy related laboratory consumables in 24/25?
8. What was the total spend on chemotherapy drugs within your Trust in 24/25?
9. What was the total spend on chemotherapy drugs within your Trust in 23/24?
10. What was the total volume of chemotherapy drugs used on patients in the year 24/25?
11. What was the total volume of chemotherapy drugs purchased in the year 24/25?
12. How many staff do you currently have working on chemotherapy preparation?
13. What equipment is used in preparation?
14. Does your Trust use robotic automation in the preparation of chemotherapy patient delivery?
15. How many aseptic suites do you use for chemotherapy preparation?
16. What is the grade of aseptic suites used for chemotherapy preparation?
17. Who is the lead pharmacist for chemotherapy preparation and what is their NHS email address?

## RESPONSE

- 1) Mostly prepared in-house, some outsourced items
  - 2) Jan 2025 = 310 cytotoxic chemotherapy items prepared
  - 3) Feb 2025 = 301 cytotoxic chemotherapy items prepared
  - 4) March 2025 = 400 cytotoxic chemotherapy items prepared
  - 5) 2024-25 = 4177 cytotoxic chemotherapy items prepared
  - 6) 2023-24 = 4571 cytotoxic chemotherapy items prepared
- (2-6 – these figures do not include monoclonal antibodies used for chemotherapy indications. These products are also used for non-chemotherapy indications and the data cannot be not separated by indication).
- 7) The Trust does not record this data
  - 8) £2562001
  - 9) £2463801
  - 10) The Trust does not record this data
  - 11) The Trust does not record this data
  - 12) 15
  - 13) Two Negative-pressure 2-glove isolators
  - 14) No
  - 15) One suite with two rooms for cytotoxic chemotherapy preparation
  - 16) Grade D in operation (Grade C at rest)
  - 17) Neil Brighouse, [neil.brighouse@merseywestlancs.nhs.uk](mailto:neil.brighouse@merseywestlancs.nhs.uk)