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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE**

Dear Requester

**FOI Reference Number: 72377**

I refer to your email of 23 January 2024 requesting information in relation to the provision of services for multiple myeloma patients.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold some of the information that you have requested. Please see further details below:

**I am requesting the following information on local healthcare and support service provision for multiple myeloma patients as part of a wider project (funded by Myeloma UK). Please provide the following information:**

**As of 1 Jan 2024:**

- **Total population size served by the Integrated Care Board**  
Under Section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested can be found in the NHS Lincolnshire ICB's latest annual report which can be found on the ICB's website (Page 10) – I have detailed the relevant link below:  
[NHS Lincolnshire ICB Annual Report 1st July 2022 to 31st March 2023](#)
- **Number of hospitals providing oncology services**  
The main provider of Oncology Services within Lincolnshire is United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT). Other trusts also provide Oncology services to Lincolnshire patients. We have a wide range of End of Life (EOL) care provision for both inpatients, hospice and outpatients but not specifically for multiple myeloma patients; this care is for all palliative patients.
- **Total number of consultant haematologists employees; specialist haematology registrars employed; consultant haematologists specialising in multiple myeloma; haematology clinical nurse specialists employed and multiple myeloma clinical nurse specialists.**

This information is not held by the ICB. I would recommend you contact the providers directly for this information.

**During 2023 (1 Jan – 31 Dec), please provide the:**

- **Total number of multiple myeloma (MM) cases diagnosed (Please state which code(s) were used)**
- **If known, how many people were diagnosed with smouldering multiple myeloma?**
- **How many in-person haematology-based consultation/telephone haematology-based consultations/ video haematology-based consultation took place for people diagnosed with MM?**

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**During 2023 (1 Jan – 31 Dec):**

- **Were multiple myeloma (MM) patients discussed/reviewed at a MM specific MDT or general haematology MDT?**
- **How frequently did MDT meetings meet?**
- **What percentage of MM patients diagnosed in 2023 were reviewed/discussed at a MDT?**
- **Which professionals/disciplines are represented on MDT meetings for MM?**
- **What supportive and palliative care services are available for MM patients?**

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I hope that this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

Arden & GEM Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit  
FOI TEAM/Corporate Communications Team  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, St John's House  
East Street  
Leicester  
LE1 6NB

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the ICB.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: telephone 0303 123 1113, email [icocasework@ico.org.uk](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk) and <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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Yours faithfully

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***On behalf of  
NHS Lincolnshire ICB***