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Dear ██████████

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Your request sought information relating to treatment of lupus.

- 1. What guidelines or protocols do you refer to regarding the management of patients with:**
  - a. Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)**
  - b. Lupus nephritis (LN)**

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- 2. Please detail the number of patients that were admitted as an inpatient or day case in the last 12 months for the following primary diagnosis:**

	<b>Diagnosis (ICD10 code)</b>
<b>Patient number and care setting</b>	<b>Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321)</b>
<b>Inpatient admission</b>	<5*
<b>Day case</b>	<5*



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Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

**3. Do you refer patients within the ICD10 code M321 to another Health Board or Trust?**

Yes

**If you answered 'Yes', please detail which Trusts you refer patients to.**

St Thomas Hospital, London

**4. Is there a specific clinic for LN patients at your Health Board?**

No

**5. Please complete the number of patients prescribed with the following products in the last 12 months within the ICD10 code Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321):**

	<b>Diagnosis (ICD10 code)</b>
<b>Product</b>	<b>Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321)</b>
<b>Azathioprine</b>	
<b>Belimumab</b>	
<b>Ciclosporin</b>	
<b>Cyclophosphamide</b>	
<b>Mycophenolate mofetil</b>	
<b>Oral tacrolimus</b>	

All of these patients would be seen via outpatients, therefore are not coded by condition. Therefore, in order to obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal



with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**6. Has a shared care agreement/arrangement been established between your institution and primary care for the treatment of lupus nephritis?**

Yes

**If you answered 'Yes', which of the following medicines can be prescribed within the shared care agreement?**

Azathioprine	Ciclosporin	Cyclophosphamide	Mycophenolate Mofetil	Oral Tacrolimus
Yes	No	No	No	No

**7. Has a shared care agreement/arrangement been established between your institution and a tertiary centre for the treatment of lupus nephritis? If so, please specify what medicines can be prescribed in secondary care within these shared care agreements.**

No

**8. What is the name of your local integrated care system?**

WPAS is the system used by the Health Board for recording patient details, admissions etc.

**9. For the LN patient pathway, is care commissioned by:**

Activity	Block contract	Blended payment
	✓	

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 0330 414 6421.

Yours sincerely





On behalf of

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**Director of Corporate Governance**

