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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 012455 – Myeloma patients

### Section 1 – Treatment and Management

1. How many patients has your Trust diagnosed with multiple myeloma in the calendar year 2014?

25

2. How many multiple myeloma patients in your Trust received systemic anti-cancer treatment in the calendar year 2014?

33

3. How many patients aged 75 years and over has your Trust diagnosed with multiple myeloma in the calendar year 2014?

12

4. How many multiple myeloma patients aged 75 years and over in your Trust received systemic anti-cancer treatment in the calendar year 2014?

16

5. Does your Trust produce local guidelines to support the management of elderly cancer patients?

No

6. Does your Trust produce local guidelines to support the management of elderly multiple myeloma patients?

No, national guidelines are used as agreed by the NEAG (Network Expert Advisory Group)

(Note: Multiple Myeloma is defined by the ICD-10 code as C90.0 - C90.3)

### Section 2 – Specialist Geriatric Input

7. Does your Trust's multiple myeloma multidisciplinary team (MM MDT) include input from a geriatrician?

No

a. If so, does a geriatrician routinely attend all MM MDT meetings?

Not applicable

b. How often does the MM MDT meet?

Weekly

8. Do multiple myeloma patients aged 75 and over at diagnosis routinely receive a consultation with a geriatrician?

No

a. **If so, does this happen prior to making a decision as to whether a patient is suitable for systemic anticancer therapy?**

No

b. **If, so does information from this consultation feed into clinical decision making?**

Not applicable

9. **How frequently do all multiple myeloma patients aged 75 years and over receive a consultation with a geriatrician?**

When clinically appropriate

a. **How is this information used in these consultations fed into clinical management and decision making?**

This will depend on individual circumstances

### **Section 3 – Specific Tools and Metrics**

10. **Does your Trust use Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment to assess if a patient with cancer is suitable for treatment?**

Geriatrician fully assess all older people admitted to care of elderly wards, the assessment includes physical and functional assessment with diagnostics. History included social and functional assessment

a. **If so, what proportion of multiple myeloma patients aged 75 and over received the assessment in 2014?**

This information is not held in a centralised reporting system. Information is held within individual patient records which are exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act (Personal Information)

b. **Who routinely carries out this assessment (i.e. a nurse or a consultant – and what type of consultant (haematologist or geriatric)?**

It is an MDT approach, this includes Consultant, junior doctor, nurses, physiotherapist, occupational therapist and if required social services

11. **Does your Trust routinely assess patients over the age of 75 according to a Comorbidity Score (either a standardised score such as the Charlson index or a local 'in house' score, please specify)?**

Nurses undertakes waterlow score

a. **If so, what proportion of multiple myeloma patients aged 75 and over received the assessment in 2014?**

12

b. **Who routinely carries out this assessment (i.e. a nurse or a consultant - and what type of consultant (haematologist or geriatric)?**

Geriatricians carry out comprehensive geriatrician assessment. Nurses do waterlow score, other care bundles (skin, fall). There is also a Therapy assessment undertaken by Occupational therapists and physiotherapists

12. **Does your Trust routinely assess patients over the age of 75 according to a Clinical Frailty Scale (either a standardised scale or a local 'in house' scale, please specify)?**

Yes

a. **If so, what proportion of multiple myeloma patients aged 75 and over received the assessment in 2014?**

This information is not held in a centralised reporting system. Information is held within individual patient records which are exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act (Personal Information)

**b. Who routinely carries out this assessment (i.e. a nurse or a consultant - and what type of consultant (haematologist or geriatric)?**

The geriatrician carries clinical assessment of frailty. Currently there is no national agreed scale