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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/015213 - Cancer drug

I should be grateful if you could assist me in providing the following information please?

I want to obtain a copy of the criteria that is used by the hospital in determining whether a patient is able to receive the cancer drug Bevacizumab (Avastin), and who makes such a decision.

The decision to treat a patient with a cancer drug is based on the disease treatment pathway using evidence based guidance, e.g. NICE guidance, agreed in a multidisciplinary team through informed consent between the clinician and patient.

Cancer drug funding is mainly commissioned by NHS England Specialised Services (on the whole with some variations).

There are clear disease and patient criteria aligned with clinical pathways that provide the clinician the options to treat their patient. If a cancer drug is not commissioned for a specific disease / or patient specific criteria then an individual drug funding request can be made. The latter is subject to meeting to criteria outlined in the IFR process.