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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 012849 – Haemochromatosis**

I would like to request under the Freedom of Information Act the following information from the NHS Trust(s) which you are responsible for :

- a. the number of patients treated with haemochromatosis in 2015 who are in maintenance phase of the treatment (\*)
- b. the number of patients treated with haemochromatosis in 2015 who are in PRE-maintenance phase of the treatment (+)

In response to questions a and b there are 63 patients . To split this would require a detailed review of each case and this information is not held in a electronically in a centralised database.

- c. a copy of the clinical protocol(s) used to treat haemochromatosis
- d. a copy of the clinical protocol(s) for therapeutic venesection

In response to c and d The Trust follows The British Committee for Standards in Haematology guidelines [http://www.bcsghguidelines.com/4\\_HAEMATOLOGY\\_GUIDELINES.html](http://www.bcsghguidelines.com/4_HAEMATOLOGY_GUIDELINES.html)

(\*) "maintenance phase" relates to patients whose ferritin is  $\leq 50$  ug/L

(+) "PRE-maintenance phase" relates to patients whose ferritin is in excess of 50 ug/L

If it is impractical or excessively costly to report items (a) and (b) separately, a single value relating to the number of patients with haemochromatosis under active treatment (ie have had at least 1 episode of treatment during 2015) will suffice.

A single value has been supplied in relation to a and b.