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Multiple Myeloma

1. Over the past 6 months, how many adult multiple myeloma [MM] patients have you treated? If you refer your multiple myeloma patients to another centre, please state which.

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust is unable to provide the exact number of patients treated for multiple myeloma in the last 6 months from our information systems.

However, we can advise that between 1 September 2023 and 29 February 2024 the Trust admitted 261 patients with a diagnosis of multiple myeloma, either as a day case or inpatient.

2. Of the multiple myeloma patients over the past 6 months, how many were treated with the following:

- Belantamab Mafodotin [Blenrep]
- Bortezomib [Velcade] monotherapy or with dexamethasone
- Bortezomib, thalidomide and dexamethasone [VTD]
- Bortezomib [Velcade], Melphalan/Cyclophosphamide and prednisolone/dexamethasone (VMp or VCd)
- Carfilzomib [Kyprolis] and dexamethasone
- Carfilzomib [Kyprolis], Lenalidomide [Revlimid] and dexamethasone
- Daratumumab [Darzalex] monotherapy
- Daratumumab [Darzalex], Bortezomib [Velcade] and dexamethasone (known as DVd or DBd)
- Daratumumab [Darzalex], Bortezomib [Velcade], thalidomide and dexamethasone (known as Dara-VTd)
- Daratumumab [Darzalex] with Lenalidomide [Revlimid] and dexamethasone
- Elranatamab
- Idecabtagene vicleucel [Abecma]
- Isatuximab [Sarclisa], Pomalidomide [Imnovid] and dexamethasone (known as IsaPd)
- Ixazomib [Ninlaro], Lenalidomide [Revlimid] and dexamethasone (known as IRd)
- Lenalidomide [Revlimid] monotherapy
- Lenalidomide [Revlimid] and dexamethasone
- Pomalidomide [Imnovid] and dexamethasone
- Selinexor and dexamethasone
- Talquetamab
- Teclistamab [Tecvayli]
- Any other systemic anti-cancer therapy

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Belfast Trust is unable to provide this information as to do so would require a manual trawl of patients' notes, which would take more than 18 hours work.

The Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.