

**19 March 2026**

## **Oncology – Myelofibrosis**

**Q1. Please provide the total number of patients treated in the last 6 months for:**

- **Polycythaemia Vera**  
(ICD10 code D45) – 18 patients which accumulates to 33 episodes.
- **Myelofibrosis**  
(ICD10 code D47.4) – 7 patients which accumulates to 25 episodes.
- **Myelofibrosis**  
(ICD10 code D47.4) patients aged 65 and older – <5 patients which accumulates to 12 episodes.

We are not able to provide the information requested. As the figures involved are fewer than five (<5), disclosure would risk reducing the data to a level at which individuals could potentially be identified. Releasing information that may identify individuals would breach the first data protection principle, which requires the fair and lawful processing of personal data.

Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as it relates to the personal data of a third party.

**Q2. How many patients were treated in the past 6 months (for any disease) with:**

- **Ruxolitinib**
- **Fedratinib**
- **Momelotinib**

Belfast Trust does not hold this information centrally as electronic prescribing is not in place for Haematology. Retrieving the information would require a manual review of individual patient records. This process would exceed 18 hours of staff time and therefore goes beyond the cost limit set out under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The cost limit is £450, which represents the estimated cost of one or more staff members spending more than 18 hours determining whether the information is held, and locating, retrieving, and extracting it. As the work required would exceed this limit, we are not obliged to comply with this part of your request.