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Dear Mr Clark

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information about:

- Chemotherapy induced febrile neutropenia

As you may know, every time a patient has an episode of care, this is coded in terms of their diagnosis, treatment and outcome. This information is anonymous but allows for statistics to be collated. I understand that the clinical code for neutropenia is D70 and this includes drug-induced. There are more detailed secondary codes that are used and codes from Y40.0 to Y59.9 would include drugs, medicaments & biological substances causing adverse effects in therapeutic use. Therefore our Information department have searched for cases with these codes and then looked at the outcome.

I enclose a spreadsheet with this information.

I trust that I have dealt with your request to your satisfaction. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries or if I can be of further assistance.

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Finally, I enclose an evaluation form which I would be very grateful if you could complete and return to me so that we can continually improve our

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Yours sincerely

Alison Macdonald
Board Secretary