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Dear Mr Clark,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

We have now re-validated the data we sent you previously, following review by a senior clinician. The revised information, in response to your request, is provided below. Please ignore the information you received from us previously.

**Question 1**

**Could I get the number of people who received any chemotherapy in 2008?**

Answer 1

123 patients received chemotherapy in 2008 (Jan-Dec). These were newly diagnosed patients that had their first treatment as chemotherapy.

**Question 2**

**Could I obtain the number of people who were diagnosed with chemotherapy induced febrile neutropenia and the number of deaths due to chemotherapy-induced febrile neutropenia in 2008?**

Answer 2

28 patients were identified with chemotherapy induced febrile neutropenia; several of the patients were admitted on more than one occasion with neutropenic sepsis following systemic anti-cancer chemotherapy at the Cancer Centre (Barts and the London NHS Trust). These patients are not included in the total number given in answer 1 above.

Also upon re-validating the data we can now confirm that there were **no** neutropenic sepsis related deaths.

I hope this is satisfactory, if not, please do not hesitate to contact me.

You have the right to complain if you feel that we have not dealt with your request satisfactorily. In the first instance, please direct your complaint to:

Complaints, Incidents & Litigation Manager  
Newham University Hospital NHS Trust  
Glen Road  
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Should our response fail to address the issues you have highlighted, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner, who is the individual responsible for enforcing the Freedom of Information Act 2000. He can be contacted at:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution  
Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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Thank you for your interest in Newham University Hospital NHS Trust

Yours sincerely

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