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Our ref: FOI RFI 008114

Your ref: email received 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Ben

### Freedom of Information Request

Further to your email dated and received by the Trust on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020, requesting the following information:

I would like to request information regarding the screening and treatment of iron deficiency anaemia in patients listed for major elective blood loss surgery.

In the last 12 months available data, how many patients listed for major elective blood loss surgery were screened 6 weeks prior to the procedure for iron deficiency anaemia? How many patients were not?

Of the patients who were screened and anaemia was present had serum ferritin levels tested?

Of those patients diagnosed with iron-deficiency anaemia, how many were offered appropriate iron treatment?

Below are the OPCS codes to be considered when reviewing major elective blood loss surgery:

K453 W373 M022  
K262 W383 L294  
K255 W384 L601  
H072 W374 L593  
H333 Q074 L194  
H071 Q075 L295  
H336 W403 W371  
H073 W402 W381  
H074 M025 W941  
M341 M021 W401  
M343 M039

If at all possible, could you provide a break down for each answer by what CCG the patients came from?

### Trust Response

*Please note the following with regard to the numbers provided:*

- *All patients receive a full blood count prior to pre-operative assessment, but the results can be from an external source to the organisation, which we do not hold electronically*
- *If the patient is known to be anaemic prior to pre-operative assessment, a haematinics profile and iron profile is measured*
- *If the patient is thought to be iron deficient by both ferritin level and iron profile, according to STH protocols, intravenous iron (Ferinject) is offered where clinically appropriate to do so*
- *STH pre-operative assessment protocols mean that bloods can be tested up to 12 weeks prior to surgery*

*It is possible to state which patients were screened within 6 weeks at STH (or not); where Ferritin is tested at STH; and where Ferinject is given at STH.*

*The answers and table below are numbers on that basis by CCG, from April 2019 to March 2020 inclusive.*

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**2215**

How many patients were not?

**739**

Of the patients who were screened and anaemia was present had serum ferritin levels tested?

**340**

Of those patients diagnosed with iron-deficiency anaemia, how many were offered appropriate iron treatment?

**75 were given Ferinject**

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Row Labels	Screened within 6 weeks at STH	Not screened within 6 weeks at STH	Ferritin tested at STH	Ferinject given at STH
NHS AIREDALE, WHARFDEALE AND CRAVEN CCG	4	0	1	0

NHS BARNSELY CCG	240	66	29	5
NHS BASSETLAW CCG	53	17	7	2
NHS BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL CCG	2	0	0	0
NHS BRADFORD DISTRICTS CCG	3	0	0	0
NHS CALDERDALE CCG	3	2	0	0
NHS DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE CCG	215	49	36	8
NHS DEVON CCG	1	0	0	0
NHS DONCASTER CCG	139	22	16	5
NHS DURHAM DALES, EASINGTON AND SEDGEFIELD CCG	1	0	0	0
NHS EAST LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND CCG	2	0	1	0
NHS EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE CCG	5	1	1	1
NHS EAST STAFFORDSHIRE CCG	1	0	0	0
NHS GREATER HUDDERSFIELD CCG	12	1	2	1
NHS HALTON CCG	1	0	0	0
NHS HARDWICK CCG	7	1	0	0
NHS LAMBETH CCG	1	0	0	0
NHS LEEDS CCG	8	3	1	0
NHS LINCOLNSHIRE EAST CCG	10	2	0	0
NHS LINCOLNSHIRE WEST CCG	3	1	0	0
NHS MANCHESTER CCG	0	1	0	0
NHS NENE CCG	1	0	0	0
NHS NEWARK & SHERWOOD CCG	1	2	0	0
NHS NORTH DERBYSHIRE CCG	25	6	3	0
NHS NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE CCG	8	1	0	1
NHS NORTH KIRKLEES CCG	17	0	4	0
NHS NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE CCG	12	6	1	0
NHS NOTTINGHAM CITY CCG	1	0	0	0
NHS OLDHAM CCG	1	0	0	0
NHS ROTHERHAM CCG	204	39	19	5
NHS SCARBOROUGH AND RYEDALE CCG	4	0	0	0
NHS SHEFFIELD CCG	1147	492	207	47
NHS SOUTH EAST STAFFS AND SEISDON PENINSULAR CCG	1	0	0	0
NHS SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE CCG	0	1	0	0
NHS SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE CCG	2	0	0	0
NHS SOUTH WEST LINCOLNSHIRE CCG	1	1	0	0
NHS STOCKPORT CCG	1	0	0	0
NHS VALE OF YORK CCG	9	3	3	0

<b>NHS WAKEFIELD CCG</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NHS WEST CHESHIRE CCG</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>NULL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>POWYS TEACHING LOCAL HEATH BOARD</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Yorkshire &amp; Humber Commissioning Hub</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2215</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>75</b>

This completes the Trust response to your request, but please note:

### **Your rights**

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request, you may ask for an internal review in accordance with Section VI Complaints Procedures of the Section 45 Code of Practice of the Freedom of Information Act 2000: and in accordance with Appendix E of the Trust's Code of Practice for Responding to Requests for Information (v 6.0 dated 29/07/19).

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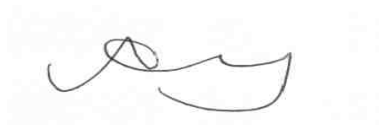
If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications

Yours sincerely



Amy Cooper, Information Governance Officer