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Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/21/470
Nephrology Treatments

Information Requested:

1) What guidelines or protocols do you refer to regarding the management of patients with,

a. Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board rely on the NICE/BSR guidance for managing lupus, please see the below link:

<https://academic.oup.com/rheumatology/article/57/1/e1/4318863>

b. Lupus nephritis (LN)

Dependent on class of LN found on renal biopsy. Low threshold for arranging biopsies, and management as per findings. In-house protocol for use of rituximab/cyclophosphamide.

2) Please detail the number of patients that were admitted as an inpatient or day case in the last 12 months for the following primary diagnosis

	Diagnosis (ICD10 code)
Patient number and care setting	Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321)
Inpatient admission	1
Day case	0
Regular Day Admission	2

3) Do you refer patients within the ICD10 code M321 to another Trust? If you answered 'Yes', please detail which Trusts you refer patients to.

No.

4) Is there a specific clinic for LN patients at your Trust?





No, this is managed by all nephrologists, but can be discussed at complex case meetings.

- 5) Please complete the number of patients prescribed with the following products in the last 12 months within the ICD10 code Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321):

Product	Diagnosis (ICD10 code)
	Systemic lupus erythematosus with organ or system involvement (M321)
Azathioprine	
Belimumab	
Ciclosporin	
Cyclophosphamide	
Mycophenolate mofetil	
Oral tacrolimus	

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fee's regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

However, under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, I can inform you that the UHB does not centrally record treatments for specific conditions.

- 6) Has a shared care agreement/arrangement been established between your institution and primary care for the treatment of lupus nephritis? If you answered 'Yes', which of the following medicines can be prescribed within the shared care agreement?

	Azathioprine	Ciclosporin	Cyclophosphamide	Mycophenolate mofetil (MMF)	Oral tacrolimus





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Yes/No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
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7) Has a shared care agreement/arrangement been established between your institution and a tertiary centre for the treatment of lupus nephritis? If so, please specify what medicines can be prescribed in secondary care within these shared care agreements.

No.

8) What is the name of your local integrated care system?

Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Integrated Health and Social Care Partnership

9) For the LN patient pathway, is care commissioned by:

	Activity	Block contract	Blended payment
Yes			
No			

Not Applicable within NHS Wales.

