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Haemato-Oncology Data

Information Requested:

We are seeking further clarity on the following data (& attached) you provided:

2. **The number of admissions to the paediatric haemato-oncology unit, by year, for 2015-2022**

Number of Admissions as values	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
PAEDIATRIC ONCOLOGY	2266	3293	2953	3201	2970	2645	3219	2931
PAEDIATRIC HAEMATOLOGY	7	21	29	34	29	15	38	34

3. **The number of individual patients admitted to the paediatric haemato-oncology unit, by year, for 2015-2022**

   Please see above.

Q1
In relation to your response to Question 2 above please can you advise what "Number of Admissions as values" exactly includes?
Specifically, can you advise if the "Number of Admissions as values" includes day case patient activity/admissions? And/or outpatient attendances?

Day case: Patients who are admitted electively during the course of a day for treatment or care, which will not require an overnight stay in hospital and return home as scheduled.

Q2
The data for 2015/16 for Paediatric Oncology states there were 2266 admissions, the response to question 3 states please see above, based on the response – it would appear that a total of 2266 individual patients were each admitted on one occasion? Please can you confirm this is the case, it is assumed that patients would have multiple admissions so the total number of individual patients would be lower? E.g. has the response to Question 3 taken account of this, as the figure for the number of patients seems to be very high in comparison with other similar units?

Q3
Please can you advise if any standard data definitions have been used in relation to the admission data? If so, what these are?

Q4
Please can you confirm the number of beds within the paediatric haematology-oncology unit at Noah's Ark Children's Hospital?

Response Details:

Q1

The total number of admissions as values includes all inpatient and day case admissions under the paediatric oncology and haematology specialty teams. This will include acute and elective care admissions. This does not include any outpatient attendances.

Q2

The number of admissions for the period of 2015/16 is based on the number of children admitted under paediatric oncology and haematology during that period. This will include every admission throughout that period including the same children multiple times due to multiple admissions. The dataset is unable to exclude any multiple admissions per patient.

Q3

Standard data definitions have not been used.

Q4

Rainbow oncology ward is commissioned for 12 beds. Rainbow day beds has four beds.