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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0570

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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How many patients have received an iron infusion in the last 12 months?

Iron infusions are not specifically coded as information by the Trust.

It is possible to determine the number of individual patients diagnosed as Iron deficient/Anaemic who received an intravenous infusion but cannot specify further without reference to individual patients' notes. This is unfeasible as it would exceed the time limit guided by the ICO, and therefore unavailable under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The number of individual patients matching the above criteria was 269 for January to December 2019. Many patients had multiple admissions so total number of procedures carried out was 444.

How many patients have been treated with Monofer and how many with Ferinject?

The Trust predominantly issues iron infusion as Ferinject® product, with minimal issue as Cosmofer®

In last 12 months (March 2019 – Feb 2020 inclusive)

Medicine	Strength	Issued as Stock (no patient detail)	Issued to patient	Total issued	
Ferinject®	1g in 20ml	401g	310g	711g	
Ferinject®	500mg in 10ml	125g	40g	165g	
Ferinject®	100mg in 5ml	-	1.2g	1.2g	
Total		626g	341.2g	877.2g	
Cosmofer®	500mg in 10ml	-	1g	1g	

What was the average weight of these patients?

See above

How many patients required more than 1 gram of iron?

So only 39% of our total issues of Ferinject® can be identified at a patient level.

Where patients have doses of less than 1g, these occur on two separate occasions separated by at least a week.

An estimate indicates a maximum of 80 patients who were issued total Ferinject® dose > 1g ... but this does not imply that all these counts were active dose administration.

Neither does recorded information available determine how many of the 61% of issues at stock level were used to provide total dose > 1g.

How many nurses and for what days and hours are your Iron infusion clinics available?

This information is currently unavailable, due to business disruption caused by the Covid 19 pandemic and the Trust's response to it. If this information is still required, please resubmit your request later in the year.

Please note that a record of previous Trust FOI responses is now available to consult online by visiting:

<https://www.wyevalley.nhs.uk/about-us/information-requests/freedom-of-information-requests.aspx>

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Monkmoor Court
31-34 Commercial Road
Hereford
HR1 2DX
Email: freedom.information@wvt.nhs.uk

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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