

15 December 2016

**Our Ref:** RFI 18832

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Advanced Prostate Cancer**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 3 November 2016.

A response to each of the questions raised has been prepared by the Cancer Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Q1. *Within your trust how many unique patients with Advanced Prostate Cancer have been treated in the past 12 months?*

A1. The information requested is not held centrally in relation to 'unique patients with advanced prostate cancer treated in the past 12 months.'

To obtain this information would require a manual review of patient records to determine if patients have this condition. This would take in excess of 18 hours. This would exceed the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Trust therefore exempts the release of this information under Section 12(1).

*12.-(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.*

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

However, we can advise that in the past 12 months (November 2015 to October 2016) there have been 163 newly diagnosed patients of prostate cancer.

Q2. *How many patients with Advanced Prostate Cancer have received the following:-*

As indicated above, the Trust is unable to provide information in relation to 'advanced prostate cancer patients'.

However, we can provide the number of prostate cancer patients, during the last 12 months, who have been provided with the treatments referenced below.

Table 1

<b>Treatment/Drug</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>
Abiraterone (Zytiga)	8
Cabazitaxel (Jevtana)	-
Docetaxel (Taxotere)	5
Enzalutamide (Xtandi)	8
Radium-223 (Xofigo)	-
Bicalutamide (Casodex)	This drug is issued by the patients General Practitioner (GP), this information is therefore not held by the Trust.