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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference:** Treatment and management of patients with Lupus

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below. Please accept our apologies for the delay.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. Does Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (SFH) treat patients diagnosed with Lupus (systemic lupus erythematosus including lupus nephritis)? If No, please see question 2 If Yes, please see questions 3 & 4	Yes, we treat patients with lupus, including those with lupus nephritis.			
2. If SFH does not treat Lupus (systemic lupus erythematosus including lupus nephritis) are patients referred to a tertiary/ specialist treatment centre? If Yes, please state which treatment centre.	We treat most patients with Lupus here at Sherwood Forest Hospitals (SFH). Patients with advanced lupus nephritis, such as CKD 4b or CKD5 are managed by nephrologists. Such patients are often followed up at Nottingham University Hospitals. They do not attend Rheumatology at SFH and their care is delivered by the nephrologists at NUH, including renal replacement therapy if applicable.			
3. Does SFH have local guidelines/ clinical pathways/ protocols (including shared care protocols) for the treatment of patients diagnosed with Lupus (systemic lupus erythematosus including lupus nephritis)? If Yes, please can a copy be provided	<p>Thanks. I have attached links for the following documents:</p> <p>1. Nottingham Area Prescribing Committee Formulary, which is the repository for all disease modifying medications used by Rheumatology, including those for Lupus. <a href="https://www.nottinghamshireformulary.nhs.uk/chaptersSubDetails.asp?FormularySectionID=10&amp;SubSectionRef=10.01.03&amp;SubSectionID=E100#2562">https://www.nottinghamshireformulary.nhs.uk/chaptersSubDetails.asp?FormularySectionID=10&amp;SubSectionRef=10.01.03&amp;SubSectionID=E100#2562</a></p> <p>2. Guideline for Cyclophosphamide <a href="https://sfhnet.nnotts.nhs.uk/content/showcontent.aspx?contentid=36555">https://sfhnet.nnotts.nhs.uk/content/showcontent.aspx?contentid=36555</a></p>			

	<p>3. Rituximab guideline <a href="https://sfhnet.notts.nhs.uk/content/showcontent.aspx?contentid=23956">https://sfhnet.notts.nhs.uk/content/showcontent.aspx?contentid=23956</a></p> <p>4. Shared care link for all except hydroxychloroquine <a href="https://www.nottsapc.nhs.uk/shared-care/shared-care-protocols/">https://www.nottsapc.nhs.uk/shared-care/shared-care-protocols/</a></p> <p>5. Azathioprine <a href="https://www.nottinghamshireformulary.nhs.uk/chaptersSubDetails.asp?FormularySectionID=10&amp;SubSectionRef=10.01.03&amp;SubSectionID=E100#2562">https://www.nottinghamshireformulary.nhs.uk/chaptersSubDetails.asp?FormularySectionID=10&amp;SubSectionRef=10.01.03&amp;SubSectionID=E100#2562</a></p> <p>6. Information for patients on Lupus <a href="https://www.versusarthritis.org/media/23108/lupus-information-booklet.pdf">https://www.versusarthritis.org/media/23108/lupus-information-booklet.pdf</a></p> <p>I have also linked guidance from professional bodies that we follow for Lupus. There are two documents: 1. British Society for Rheumatology guidance on Lupus, and 2. American College of Rheumatology guidance on Lupus nephritis. <a href="https://academic.oup.com/rheumatology/article/57/1/e1/4318863">https://academic.oup.com/rheumatology/article/57/1/e1/4318863</a> <a href="https://rheumatology.org/press-releases/new-acr-guideline-summary-provides-guidance-to-screen-treat-and-manage-lupus-nephritis">https://rheumatology.org/press-releases/new-acr-guideline-summary-provides-guidance-to-screen-treat-and-manage-lupus-nephritis</a></p>			
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4. How many patients were treated at SFH for Lupus using belimumab in 2023?	None			
5. How many patients were treated at SFH for Lupus using rituximab in 2023?	1 unique patient across 2023 was issued rituximab and had an IP diagnosis for Lupus.			
6. How many patients were treated at SFH for Lupus using voclosporin in 2023?	None			



I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email [sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net](mailto:sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net).

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

Complaints to the Information Commissioner's Office should be sent to FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 1231113, email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

If you would like this letter or information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call us on 01623 672232 or email [sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net](mailto:sfh-tr.foi.requests@nhs.net).

Yours faithfully

### Information Governance Team

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