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## REQUEST

I would be grateful if you could please answer the following questions regarding patient numbers for specified diagnoses codes.

1. In the last 12 months, how many individual patients were treated for biliary tract cancer with the following Diagnosis Codes:
  - a. C22.1 Intrahepatic Bile Duct Carcinoma
  - b. C23 Malignant Neoplasm of Gallbladder
  - c. C24 Malignant Neoplasm of unspecified biliary tract (If possible, could this please be further split to C24.0 Extrahepatic bile duct, C24.8 Overlapping lesion of Biliary Tract, C24.9 Biliary Tract, Unspecified).
  - d. Could you please also provide a total unique patient number for all of the diagnosis codes above, in case they have been coded multiple times.
2. In the last 12 months, how many patients were treated for Oesophagus Oesophagogastric Junction Cancer? (C16.7)

## RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

1. In the last 12 months, how many individual patients were treated for biliary tract cancer with the following Diagnosis Codes:

St Helens and Knowsley:

<b>Diagnosis Code</b>	<b>No. Patients</b>
C22.1 Intrahepatic Bile Duct Carcinoma	8
C23 Malignant Neoplasm of Gallbladder	<5
C24.0 Extrahepatic bile duct	<5
C24.8 Overlapping lesion of Biliary Tract	<5
C24.9 Biliary Tract	<5
Total - Unique Number	20

Southport and Ormskirk:

<b>Diagnosis Code</b>	<b>No. Patients</b>
C22.1 Intrahepatic Bile Duct Carcinoma	<5
C23 Malignant Neoplasm of Gallbladder	<5
C24.0 Extrahepatic bile duct	<5
C24.8 Overlapping lesion of Biliary Tract	0
C24.9 Biliary Tract	<5

Section 40: personal information

We are unable to provide precise figures when those figures refer to individuals in volumes of 5 or less due to the risk that individuals will be re-identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the General Data Protection Regulations & Data Protection Act 2018. In such circumstances Section 40(2) and Section 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle which states that personal data should be processed "lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner". It is the lawful aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure, and in such circumstances, Section 40 confers an absolute exemption on disclosure.

**2. In the last 12 months, how many patients were treated for Oesophagus Oesophagogastric Junction Cancer? (C16.7)**

St Helens and Knowsley:

<5 patients

Southport and Ormskirk:

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