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Via E-Mail: David Plummer

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Dear Mr Plummer

We apologise for the delay in responding to your freedom of information request dated 26 March 2025. The questions you raised and answers are provided below.

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to obtain data from the United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust. Please provide the following information regarding patients treated by the Trust, with the total number of patients meeting each set of criteria below, preferably in a tabulated format. I seek data for two periods: January 2017–December 2020 (pre-Pfizer rollout) and January 2021–present (post-rollout), to compare trends.

- Request 1: All Stage 3 or 4 Cancers (Pre-Rollout) For January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2020, the number of patients diagnosed with stage 3 or 4 cancer (any type) by the Trust who died within 12 months of their diagnosis date. We can confirm there have been a total of 2760 patients diagnosed with Stage 3 and 4 Cancers from 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020, and that 811 of those patients passed away within 12 months of their diagnosis date.
- Request 2: All Stage 3 or 4 Cancers (Post-Rollout) Since January 1, 2021, the number of patients diagnosed with stage 3 or 4 cancer (any type) by the Trust who died within 12 months of their diagnosis date. We can confirm there have been a total of 3170 patients diagnosed with Stage 3 and 4 Cancers from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2024, and that 1429 of those patients passed away within 12 months of their diagnosis date.

- Request 3: Specific Colorectal Cancer Cases (Pre-Rollout) For January 1, 2017, to December 31, 2020, the number of female patients under 45 years old diagnosed with stage 3 or 4 colorectal/bowel cancer by the Trust, who were postpartum (having given birth within 12 months prior to diagnosis) and died within 12 months of their diagnosis date. We can confirm there were a total of 7 female patients under the age of 45 diagnosed with Stage 3 and 4 colorectal and bowel cancer who were postpartum between 1 January 2017 and 31 December 2020, and that none of these patients passed away within 12 months of their diagnosis date.
- Request 4: Specific Colorectal Cancer Cases (Post-Rollout) Since January 1, 2021, the number of female patients under 45 years old diagnosed with stage 3 or 4 colorectal/bowel cancer by the Trust, who were postpartum (having given birth within 12 months prior to diagnosis) and died within 12 months of their diagnosis date. We can confirm there were a total of 19 female patients under the age of 45 diagnosed with Stage 3 and 4 colorectal and bowel cancer who were postpartum between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2024, and that less than 5 of these patients passed away within 12 months of their diagnosis date.

I trust that this information answers your request; however, if you are unhappy with the service you have received and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our response, you should write to the Chief Executive at the address given above.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, their office cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by United Lincolnshire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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