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Following your request for information under Freedom of Information Act 2000 which we received on 24th January 2014 we are providing you information held as Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

In your query, you requested the treatment of erectile dysfunction (ED) by prostate cancer and the Trust answered your queries as below.

1. The details of any NHS specialist erectile dysfunction services those are available to men who experience erectile dysfunction as a result of prostate cancer treatment, specifically:

- a. The details of any NHS erectile dysfunction clinics

Weekly ED clinic, also consultant with special interest in ED

- b. The details of any NHS psychosexual clinics –

Clinical Nursing Specialist refers any ED patients that need counselling to Consultant Psychiatrist here at the hospital. He sees and follows them up as appropriate.

- c. The details of any NHS counselling services and sex therapy services that treat men with erectile dysfunction

Nurse lead clinic

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- a. The percentage of prostate cancer patients who are offered a referral to each of the above services, and of those who initiates the referral (i.e. is everyone offered a referral, or do patients request the services)

Everyone is offered a referral.

- b. The number of men accessing the above services, and whether they are at capacity, or above or below capacity.

There are about 40 new patients with prostate cancer per year. This is offered through a nurse-led ED Clinic is for all patients with ED so

as well as post prostate cancer treatment patients .The services can receive GP referrals and referrals from other specialities such as Diabetes.

3. The details of specialist support available to the partners of men who experience erectile dysfunction as a result of prostate cancer treatment, and whether these are automatically offered or have to be requested.

All men are welcome to bring their partners to the ED Clinic; however the Trust does not offer a separate service for this.

4. The details of any other non-specialist services that men who experience ED after prostate cancer treatment may be referred to in your area, and whether these are offered to all patients.

The Trust does not hold the information.

5. For each of the treatments listed below please state:
 - a. The details of any policies or guidance GPs or specialist services required to follow when prescribing each of the treatments to men who experience erectile dysfunction as a result of prostate cancer treatment, and whether these guidelines are strictly followed.

If it is the NHS Schedule II prescribing guidelines, we ask GPs to prescribe under these criteria for this group of patients.

- b. The details of treatments as described in the request
 - i. Sildenafil tablets
Yes, we prescribe four tablets and GP then carry on.
 - ii. Tadalafil tablets
Yes, we prescribe four tablets and GP then carry on.
 - iii. Vardenafil tablets
Yes, we prescribe four tablets and GP then carry on.
 - iv. MUSE
Available but rarely used
 - v. Caverject
Yes we prescribe the first injection and GP then continues.
 - vi. Viridal Duo
Currently use this in place of Caverject as this is the more cost effective option.
 - vii. Vacuum erection device
Yes we have this done by a representative from company that comes once a month and gives the teaching.
 - viii. Penile implant surgery (semi-rigid or inflatable implant devices).
Not offered at the Trust

We trust the above information is satisfactory to you.

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Yours sincerely

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