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Date: 8TH September 2023

Ref: CORP 2023 - 136

Dear *****,

Freedom of Information request: Request on Melanoma Treatment (CORP 2023 - 136)

Thank you for your request for the following information which the Trust received on 22nd August 2023.

Your Request:

I am trying to understand how Pembrolizumab is used in the treatment of Melanoma. Could you please answer the following:

Q1. How many patients have you treated with Pembrolizumab in the three months from May 2023 to July 2023 for:

- *Melanoma - any stage*
- *Stage IIb/IIc Melanoma*
- *Stage III Melanoma*
- *Metastatic Melanoma*

Q2. How many Stage IIb/IIc melanoma patients were on a "Watch and Wait" strategy in the three months from May 2023 to July 2023? These would be patients where a decision has been made to wait before commencing any treatment.

The Trust's response:

Trust Officers reviewed your request and conducted a calculation to identify the resources required to provide the information requested. The Trust assesses that it would take in excess of 18 hours/£450 to provide the information to you, in conducting

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this assessment the Trust has calculated that it will take a minimum of 64 hours/£1,600 to provide the information requested. This is because it will take a minimum of 32 hours to search for and extract the data, with a further minimum period of 32 hours for a clinician to review the data prior to its release to you.

Please note that this is a minimum assessment of time needed to provide the information to you and may increase dependent on the complexity of the data.

In working out the resources required to complete the task, the Trust has considered:

- Determining whether the information is held
- Locating the information, or a document containing it
- Retrieving the information, or a document containing it
- Extracting the information, or a document containing it

As a result the Trust is applying a Qualified Exemption under Section 12(1) (Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit) of the Act, which states:

Section 12(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 its obligations under Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance), it is recommended that you may wish to revise your request with the aim of reducing the scope to make it more achievable within 18 hours.

I trust this answers your request for information, however, should you not be satisfied with the information supplied or the process of supplying it, you have a right to complain and request a review.

You should forward your complaint to:-

Mr Ian Bevan via FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk
Head of Information Governance

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Should you wish to take your complaint further, if you are still unhappy with the decision after review, you can contact the:-

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
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CF10 2HH
Telephone: 0330 414 6421
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Yours sincerely,

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