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Date: 14th August 2023

Ref: CORP 2023-113

Dear *****,

Freedom of Information request: Incidence and Treatment of Oesophageal and Gastric cancer - CORP 2023 - 113

Thank you for your request for the following information which the Trust received on 10th July 2023.

Your Request:

I am researching the incidence and treatment of oesophageal and gastric cancer. I would greatly appreciate if you could answer the following questions.

Q1. How many patients were treated in the past 3 months for gastric and gastro-oesophageal junction cancer (any stage) with:

- CAPOX (Capecitabine with Oxaliplatin)
- FOLFOX (Folinic acid, Fluorouracil and Oxaliplatin)
- Lonsurf (Trifluridine - tipiracil)
- Nivolumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)
- Pembrolizumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)
- Any other systemic anti-cancer therapy
- Palliative care only

Q2. How many patients were treated in the past 3 months for Oesophageal cancer (any stage) with:

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- *Platinum and Fluoropyrimidene based combination treatments (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin with 5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)*
- *Nivolumab monotherapy*
- *Nivolumab and Ipilimumab*
- *Nivolumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidine (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)*
- *Pembrolizumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidene (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)*
- *Any other systemic anti-cancer therapy*
- *Palliative care only*

Q3. Does your trust participate in any clinical trials for gastric cancer? If so, please provide the name of each trial and the number of patients taking part.

Q4. Does your trust participate in any clinical trials for oesophageal cancer? If so, please provide the name of each trial and the number of patients taking part.

The Trust's response:

The Trust has reviewed your request which is correctly formatted and complies with Section 8 of the Freedom of Information Act.

In response to Questions 1 & 2, The Trust has received four previous identical requests for the information from within the last 12 months, these requests and the dates of the final response are outlined below:

CORP 2022-034: received 15th March 2022, Final response issued 24th April 2022

CORP 2022-097: received 18th July 2022, Final response issued 11th August 2022

CORP 2022-167: received 15th November 2022– Final response issued 8th December 2022

CORP 2023-042:received 10th March 2023- Final Response issued 28th March 2023

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The Trust publishes information eight weeks after responding to a requestor within our Publication Scheme, which can be found here [VUNHST FOI Disclosure Log](#). The Publication Scheme contains a vast amount of information which you may find useful.

In relation to questions 1 and 2, as the information has been provided to you recently and is contained within its Publication Scheme, the Trust is applying two Qualified Exemptions under the Freedom of Information Act, these are:

Section 21 – Information accessible to the applicant by other means:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any

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payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

and

Section 14(2) - Vexatious or repeated requests:

(2) Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

The application of a Qualified Exemption under Section 21 of the Act is because the information is readily available within our Publication Scheme, to assist you (in line with our duty to advise and assist) we have signposted you to the Publication Scheme with this letter.

The application of a Qualified Exemption under Section 14(2) is because a reasonable interval has not elapsed since the last time identical information was provided to you. The Trust suggests that you may wish to revise your periodicity of requests so that a reasonable interval has elapsed to enable the Trust to provide information to you whilst be mindful of its resources in providing such information.

In relation to Questions 3 & 4 of your request, the Trust confirms it holds the relevant information, which is contained in the tables which are under each question below. However, please note that in order to comply with the Information Commissioner's Office code of practice on small number reporting, numbers less than 5 are reported as "less than 5".

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Acronym/ Short Title	Study Title	Recruitment
ST03	A randomised phase II/III trial of Peri-operative Chemotherapy with or without Bevacizumab in operable adenocarcinoma of the stomach and gastro-oesophageal junction	10
Neo-Aegis	Neo-AEGIS (NEOadjuvant trial in Adenocarcinoma of the oEsophagus and oesophagoGastric junction International Study): Randomised Clinical Trial of neoadjuvant and adjuvant chemotherapy (Modified MAGIC regimen) vs. neoadjuvant chemoradiation (CROSS protocol) in adenocarcinoma of the oesophagus and oesophago-gastric junction	7
BGB-A317	A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Phase 3 Clinical Study Comparing the Efficacy and Safety of Tislelizumab (BGB-A317) plus Platinum and Fluoropyrimidine Versus Placebo plus Platinum and Fluoropyrimidine as First-Line Treatment in Patients with Locally Advanced Unresectable or Metastatic Gastric or Gastroesophageal Junction Adenocarcinoma	*Less than 5
GLOW	A Phase 3, Global, Multi-Center, Double-Blind, Randomized, Efficacy Study of Zolbetuximab (IMAB362) Plus CAPOX Compared with Placebo Plus CAPOX as First-line Treatment of Subjects with Claudin (CLDN) 18.2-Positive, HER2-Negative, Locally Advanced Unresectable or Metastatic Gastric or Gastroesophageal Junction (GEJ) Adenocarcinoma	*Less than 5

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REGAL	Capturing tRastuzumab rEsistance in Gastroesophageal Adenocarcinoma by Liquid biopsy	*Less than 5
DESTINY-Gastric-04 (DSI_DS8201-A-U306)	A Phase 3, Multicenter, 2-Arm Randomized, Open-Label Study of Trastuzumab Deruxtecan in Subjects with HER2-Positive Metastatic and/or Unresectable Gastric or Gastro-Esophageal Junction (GEJ) Adenocarcinoma Subjects who have Progressed on or after a Trastuzumab-Containing Regimen	*Less than 5

Q4. Does your trust participate in any clinical trials for oesophageal cancer? If so, please provide the name of each trial and the number of patients taking part.

Acronym/ Short Title	Study Title	Recruitment
SCOPE-2	A randomised Phase II/III trial to study radiotherapy dose escalation in patients with oesophageal cancer treated with definitive chemoradiation with an embedded Phase II trial for patients with a poor early response using positron emission tomography (PET)	44
CHARIOT	A phase I dose escalation safety study combining the ATR inhibitor VX-970 with chemoradiotherapy in oesophageal cancer using time to event continual reassessment method	8

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
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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:-

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