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Date: 21st August 2023

Ref: CORP 2023 - 120

Dear *****,

Freedom of Information request : Patient treatment with Nivolumab (CORP 2023 – 120)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 26th July 2023.

Your request:

Wilmington Healthcare is seeking to understand the initiation of patient treatment with Nivolumab and some additional products in different types of cancer. We would greatly appreciate if you could answer the following questions:

Q1. In the last 3 months, how many patients have been initiated on the following agents for the treatment of melanoma?*

- *Ipilimumab (monotherapy)*
- *Nivolumab (monotherapy)*
- *Nivolumab AND Ipilimumab (combination)*
- *Pembrolizumab*
- *Any Targeted Therapy (Dabrafenib /Dabrafenib AND Trametinib /Encorafenib AND Binimetinib /Trametinib /Vemurafenib /Vemurafenib AND Cobimetinib)*
- *Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy*

**Patients are considered initiated if they have not been treated in the previous 6 months with any of the drugs that are part of the named regimen.*

Q2. In the last 3 months, how many patients have been initiated on the following agents for the treatment of renal cell carcinoma?*

- *Nivolumab (monotherapy)*
- *Nivolumab + Ipilimumab*
- *Nivolumab + Cabozantinib*
- *Avelumab + Axitinib*

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Q3. In the past 3 months, how many patients have been initiated* on the following agents for the treatment of gastric, gastro-oesophageal junction or oesophageal cancer:

- *Nivolumab monotherapy or in combination with Ipilimumab*
- *Nivolumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidene (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)*
- *Pembrolizumab in combination with Platinum (Cisplatin or Oxaliplatin) and Fluoropyrimidene (5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine)*

**Patients are considered initiated if they have not been treated in the previous 6 months with any of the drugs that are part of the named regimen.*

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

We do not record this data in a format that enables us to retrieve information to the level of detail required to specifically answer this request. To accurately identify Advanced/Metastatic Oesophageal Cancer patients from all the patients will require a review of all the patients records as the information on metastasise will be records in the free text annotations and not in the structured fields within the clinical systems.

Due to the volume of patients, the request would exceed the appropriate limit under Section 12(1) (*cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit*) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which states:

Section 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.

It is the Trust's estimation that to carry out this task would take a minimum of 20 hours to manually review the necessary information within our patient records. The cost to obtain the data is calculated at a cost of £25.00 per hour. The limit being 18 hours or £450. Therefore there would be a minimum fee of £50 to undertake the work.

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In the Trust's duty to advise and assist you under Section 16 of the Act, the Trust suggests that you revise your request so that it falls below the prescribed appropriate limit.

However, it is recognised by the Trust that in the context of this particular request it may be very difficult to be any more specific or make the request any easier for Velindre NHS Trust to comply, given the alternative requested information may still be contained within the patient record.

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. Please note that you must submit a request for a review within 40 days of the date of this letter.

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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Churchill Way,
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Yours sincerely,

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