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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Ref: CORP 2023-058

Dear \*\*\*\*\*

**Freedom of Information request: Treatment with Dabrafenib & Trametinib  
CORP 2023-058**

Thank you for your request for the following information which the Trust received on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Your Request:

I would be grateful if you could please answer these questions relating to the use of Dabrafenib + Trametinib in cancer treatment.

A) Over the previous 6 months, how many patients for the following diseases have been treated with a combination of Dabrafenib + Trametinib:

- i) Metastatic Melanoma
- ii) Adjuvant Melanoma
- iii) BRAF mutated Lung Cancer

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.

This letter acts as a refusal notice under Section 17 of the Act. The reasons for refusal are articulated below:

The resources required to provide a response will exceed the appropriate limit as articulated within Section 12(1) and 12(2) of the Act.

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To be able to identify the specific patients requested, it will require a review of all the patients records as the information will be recorded in the free text annotations and not in the structured fields within the clinical systems'

Therefore, the Trust has applied a Qualified Exemption under Section 12 (1) and (2) of the Freedom of Information Act (cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit), which states:

- (1) *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.*
- (2) *Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.*

Section 6 (page 23) of the [Freedom of Information Code of Practice](#) defines the appropriate limit as 18 hours or a cost of £450 at a flat rate of £25 per hour. This is because, the Trust has calculated that it would take 27 hours at a rate of £25 per hour to achieve the extraction of the data task, this would entail a cost of £675.

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. A request for a review must be made within 40 days of the date of this letter.

You should forward your complaint or request for review to:-

Mr Ian Bevan via [FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk)  
Head of Information Governance  
Velindre University NHS Trust  
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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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Churchill Way,  
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Yours sincerely,

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