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Date: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Ref: CORP 2023 -145

Dear \*\*\*\*\*,

**Freedom of Information request: Treatment of ALK-Positive Lung Cancer Patients (CORP 2023-145)**

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Your Request:

*I should be grateful if you could inform me of the number of ALK-positive lung cancer patients that your Trust is currently treating.*

*Would it be possible to separate out NHS and private patients?*

Please find the Trust's response below:

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 a minimum period of 74 hours which is equivalent to £1,850 to provide the information to you.

In working out the resources required to complete the task, the Trust has considered that this work would involve a manual review of all lung referrals. As the information requested is not held in a format that permits identification easily 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), the Trust suggests that you may wish to revise your request with the aim of reducing the scope to make it more achievable within 18 hours.

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Should you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the above address.

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](mailto:FOI.VUNHST@wales.nhs.uk)  
Head of Information Governance  
Velindre University NHS Trust  
2, Charnwood Court  
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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  
2nd Floor,  
Churchill House,  
Churchill Way,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 2HH  
Telephone: 0330 414 6421  
email: [wales@ico.org.uk](mailto:wales@ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

Lauren Fear

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