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Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
Ref: CORP 2024 - 140

Dear xxx

**Freedom of Information request: Oral cancer referrals (CORP 2024 – 140)**

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Your Request:

*The number of oral cancer referrals received by hospitals in your Trust between January 2017 and the most recent completed month that is available (most likely June 2024). I also request this data be presented as monthly figures.*

Please find the Trust’s response below:

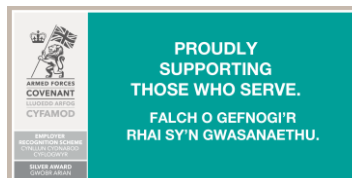
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>2017</b>	11	16	18	8	8	10	12	11	15	13	15	15
<b>2018</b>	19	9	14	16	15	15	21	10	14	20	27	11
<b>2019</b>	9	10	11	9	17	7	9	<6	11	8	9	11
<b>2020</b>	16	9	11	<6	12	7	13	<6	12	13	8	18
<b>2021</b>	11	<6	6	11	8	10	14	7	10	11	17	10
<b>2022</b>	9	8	15	7	8	7	9	10	9	7	5	<6
<b>2023</b>	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6
<b>2024</b>	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6	<6						

Please note - the data shows number of patients referred with a diagnosis specifically stating 'oral'. Diagnosis information against referrals is limited. To determine all patients with an oral cancer would mean a manual review of notes and diagnoses and would take beyond the 18 hour time limit.

Where the figure provided is less than 6, and where simple calculations could identify fields that contain less than 6, the Trust has applied an exemption under Section 40(2) (personal data) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the Trust believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified if the figures were disclosed.

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.

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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

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