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Ref: CORP 2024 - 055

Dear xxxx

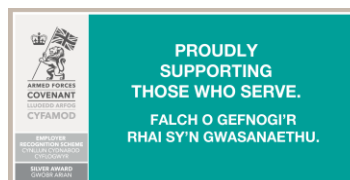
**Freedom of Information request: Melanoma Cancer Care Protocols and Patient Management Details at Trust (CORP 2024 – 055)**

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Your Request:

- 1) ***Please detail the standard follow-up regime for newly diagnosed melanoma patients (Stages IA-IIB) within your Trust, indicating the frequency of appointments and duration of follow-up (1-5 years) as per your clinical protocols. A table is provided below for your convenience, or you may return the information in an Excel spreadsheet.***
- 2) ***Which of the following Melanoma NICE guidelines do you currently implement at your Trust/Health Board/other:***
  - a. *Pre-27th July 2022 NICE guidelines titled 'NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management' Yes or No*
  - b. *Latest NICE guidelines title 'NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management' released on the 27th July 2022. Yes or No*
  - c. *Using own Melanoma guideline for the Trust. Yes or No*
  - i. *If yes, please provide document in PDF format.*
- 3) ***What is your current waiting time for sentinel lymph node biopsy for those confirmed with any stage melanoma? Please provide measure (Weeks, months etc, but please identify..)***
- 4) ***In the last 12 months for stage 2Bs melanoma only, what proportion of them had Pembrolizumab.***
- 5) ***Is ultrasound used in any of the follow up pathways for the stages of Melanoma below for patients in your Trust, please answer Yes or No:***
  - IA Yes or No
  - IB Yes or No
  - IIA Yes or No
  - IIB Yes or No
- 6) ***For the following NHS financial year dates, how many melanoma cases per year have been newly diagnosed in your Trust***
  - a. *2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23*

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**7) Could you please confirm for your Trust in 2022/23 the following numbers of newly diagnosed Melanoma skin cancer patients and the number of these who have received a subsequent Sentinel Lymph Node biopsy by Melanoma Stage?**

Please find the Trust's response below:

**1) Please detail the standard follow-up regime for newly diagnosed melanoma patients (Stages IA-IIB) within your Trust, indicating the frequency of appointments and duration of follow-up (1-5 years) as per your clinical protocols.**

The Trust does not follow up earlier than stage 2b.

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The Trust uses b - latest NICE guidelines "NG14: Melanoma: assessment and management".

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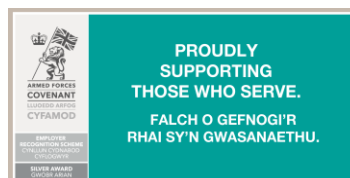
The Trust's current waiting time is 3 weeks.

**4) In the last 12 months for stage 2Bs melanoma only, what proportion of them had Pembrolizumab.**

Approximately 60% had Pembrolizumab.

Questions 5, 6 and 7 are not applicable to the Trust as we do not diagnose. Velindre University NHS Trust is a nationally recognised specialist centre of excellence for the provision of non-surgical oncology including radiotherapy and chemotherapy; specialist palliative care; blood transfusion; specialist immunohaematology; antenatal blood testing reference work; and transplant immunology.

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Yours sincerely

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