

Dear xxx

**Freedom of Information request: Treatment of cancers – electronic prescribing system (CORP 2024 – 070)**

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

A copy of your request can be found below in Appendix 1.

Please find the Trust's response below:

The Trust does not record the data requested in a format that enables the information to be easily retrieved to the level of detail required to specifically answer your request.

In reaching this decision we estimate that it would take a minimum of 26 hours, or £650 - an amount of £200 over the core amount of £450 extra to obtain the data. The amount would require payment in full prior to the Trust undertaking the work.

As result, the Trust is applying a Qualified Exemption under Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit), the legislation in this instance states:

***12 Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.***

*(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.*

The Trust has a duty to advise and assist you under Section 16 of the Act and therefore may I suggest that you consider the option to revise your request so that it falls below the prescribed appropriate limit.

In addition, our previous Pharmacy system (EDS) has been decommissioned and we no longer have access to some of the data requested. The request would need to be resubmitted to Digital Health and Care Wales at [DHCW.FOI@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:DHCW.FOI@wales.nhs.uk)

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  
Heol Billingsley  
Parc Nantgarw  
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CF15 7QZ

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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**Director of Corporate Governance and Chief of Staff**  
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**Q4.** How many patients were treated with the following medicines in combination with fulvestrant in the 3 months between the start of October 2023 and end of December 2023?  
*Please provide data for the latest 3-month period, if Oct to Dec 23 is not available*

Name of combination or monotherapy	Number patients treated
4.1 Abemaciclib (Verzenios) + Fulvestrant (fulvestrant or Faslodex)	
4.2 Palbociclib (Ibrance) + Fulvestrant (fulvestrant or Faslodex)	
4.3 Ribociclib (Kisqali) + Fulvestrant (fulvestrant or Faslodex)	

**[a] Data on numbers of patients from the electronic prescribing system**  
**PROSTATE CANCER**

**Q5.** How many patients were treated in total, regardless of diagnosis, with the following medicines in the 3 months between the start of October 2023 and end of December 2023?

*Please provide data for the latest 3-month period, if Oct to Dec 23 is not available*

Name of medicine	Number patients treated
5.1 Abiraterone (Zytiga or generic abiraterone)	
5.2 Apalutamide (Erleada)	
5.3 Cabazitaxel (Jevtana or generic cabazitaxel)	
5.4 Darolutamide (Nubeqa)	
5.5 Enzalutamide (Xtandi)	

**Q6.** How many patients were treated with docetaxel specifically for **prostate cancer** (ICD-10 code = C61) in the 3 months between the start of October 2023 and end of December 2023?  
*Please provide data for the latest 3-month period, if Oct to Dec 23 is not available*

Name of medicine	Number patients treated
Docetaxel	

**Q7.** How many patients were treated with the following medicine combinations in the 3 months between the start of October 2023 and end of December 2023?

*Please provide data for the latest 3-month period, if Oct to Dec 23 is not available*

Name of medicine	Number patients treated
7.1 Abiraterone (Zytiga or abiraterone) + Androgen Deprivation Therapy	
7.2 Apalutamide (Erleada) + Androgen Deprivation Therapy	
7.3 Darolutamide (Nubeqa) + Docetaxel + ADT	
7.4 Enzalutamide (Zytiga) + Androgen Deprivation Therapy	

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**[b] data on usage of medicines from the hospital pharmacy system**

Fields to include in the data extract from the hospital pharmacy database:

Field	
Calendar year	
Calendar month	
Name of Health Board / Trust	
Drug substance (INN name of drug)	
Drug product pack name	Virtual or actual product pack name
Quantity unit of measure (UOM)	e.g. tablet, mL, vial, the unit in which the quantity can be measured
Quantity issued	

Filters

- Time period: Jan 2019 to Feb 2024, or the latest available month
- Drugs to include:
  1. Abemaciclib (Verzenios)
  2. Apelisib (Piqray)
  3. Palbociclib (Ibrance)
  4. Ribociclib (Kisqali)
  5. Abiraterone (Zytiga, abiraterone)
  6. Apalutamide (Erleada)
  7. Darolutamide (Nubeqa)
  8. Enzalutamide (Xtandi)
  9. Dostarlimab (Jemperli)
  10. Niraparib (Zejula)
  11. Olaparib (Lynparza)
  12. Rucaparib (Rubraca)

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