

Dear xxx

Freedom of Information request: Treatment of Cancer using a Specific Combination of Drugs (CORP 2024 – 192)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 7th October 2024.

Your Request:

- 1) *In the past 6 months, at your trust how many patients were treated with a combination of Dabrafenib + Trametinib for the following conditions:*
 - a. *Metastatic Melanoma*
 - b. *Adjuvant Melanoma*
 - c. *BRAF mutated Lung Cancer*

- 2) *In the past 6 months, at your trust how many patients were treated with a combination of Encorafenib (Braftovi) + Binimetnib (Mektovi) for the following conditions:*
 - a. *Metastatic Melanoma*
 - b. *Colorectal Cancer*

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 22 hours or £550 an amount of £100 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. This is due to requiring a manual review of free text fields and patient notes to determine the numbers as it is not recorded in the structured fields within the clinical systems.

As result, the Trust is applying an exemption under Section 12 Freedom of Information Act (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

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suggest that you consider the option to revise your request so that it falls below the prescribed appropriate limit.

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
Head of Information Governance
Velindre University NHS Trust
2, Charnwood Court
Heol Billingsley
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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
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CF10 2HH
Telephone: 0330 414 6421
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Yours sincerely

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