

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
Ref: CORP 2024 - 206

Dear xxx

**Freedom of Information request: Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia (CLL) – CORP 2024 - 206**

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024.

Your Request:

*Please answer the questions with regards to NHS patients, i.e., excluding patients that received treatment as part of clinical trials or private healthcare.*

1. How many **newly diagnosed** patients with chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) have **started first-line treatment** in your Trust or Centre during the 6-month period February 2024 to July 2024?
2. How many of these **newly diagnosed** patients with CLL **received chemoimmunotherapy (CIT) as first-line treatment**?

CITs include fludarabine + cyclophosphamide + rituximab (FCR), fludarabine + rituximab (FR), bendamustine + rituximab (BR), bendamustine monotherapy, rituximab + cyclophosphamide + doxorubicin + vincristine + prednisolone (R-CHOP), obinutuzumab ± chlorambucil, rituximab + chlorambucil and ofatumumab

3. Please complete the table below with how many **newly diagnosed** patients with CLL have **started first-line treatment** with each of the following CITs during the 6-month period February 2024 to July 2024
  - FCR (fludarabine + cyclophosphamide + rituximab)
  - FR (fludarabine + rituximab)
  - BR (bendamustine + rituximab)
  - Bendamustine monotherapy
  - RCHOP (Rituximab + cyclophosphamide + doxorubicin + vincristine + prednisolone)
  - Obinutuzumab ± chlorambucil
  - Rituximab + chlorambucil
  - Ofatumumab
  - Other – please specify

Note: this should only include **newly diagnosed** patients with CLL who have **started first-line treatment during the 6-month window**

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Treatment option	Number of newly diagnosed patients with CLL starting first line treatment during the 6-month period February 2024 to July 2024
FCR	
FR	
BR	
Bendamustine monotherapy	
R-CHOP	
Obinutuzumab ± chlorambucil	
Rituximab + chlorambucil	
Chlorambucil monotherapy	
Rituximab monotherapy	
Ofatumumab	
Other – please specify	

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 an additional 24 hours or £600, an amount 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.

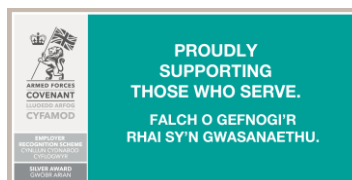
As result, the Trust is applying an exemption under Section 12 Freedom of Information Act (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit), the legislation in this instance states:

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

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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)  
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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  
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Yours sincerely

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