

Dear xxx

## **Freedom of Information request: Cancer Wait Lists (CORP 25/26 – 114)**

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 18/08/2025.

Your Request:

- 1. I would like to know how many patients with a referral for suspected cancer are currently waiting for an appointment. If possible I would like this broken down into the type of cancer.*
- 2. I would like to know the longest someone has currently been on the waiting list after being referred with a possible cancer diagnosis, and I would like to know the type of cancer they are suspected to have.*
- 3. For people that have been diagnosed I would like to know the average wait time for treatment to begin. If possible, I would like this broken down into a type of cancer. I would like this data for 2021/22, 2022/23, 23/24 and 25 years to date.*
- 4. For people who have had a cancer diagnosis I would like to know, currently, what is the longest someone has been waiting for treatment and the cancer they have been diagnosed with.*
- 5. For the years 2021/22, 2022/23, 23/24 and 25 years to date I would like to know who many patients have passed away while waiting to start treatment for their cancer diagnosis.*

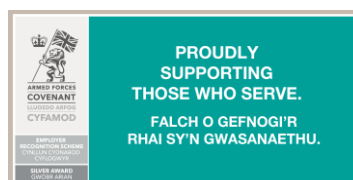
Please find the Trust's response below:

**Questions 1 – 4:** Velindre University NHS Trust provides specialist non-surgical cancer services across South East Wales. Due to the way the referral process from health boards works and our information systems are configured, the Trust will not hold information on patients until after a diagnosis of cancer and there is a requirement for treatment that is provided by Velindre. Therefore, we do not hold a complete information picture to respond to these questions.

**Question 5:** The Trust does hold information falling within the confines of your request; however, the Trust is withholding this information and applying a **Section 12** exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information you seek will require an in-depth analysis and it has been estimated that to retrieve and provide to the level of information being sought would exceed the cost of compliance.

**Section 12** provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit)

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Regulations 2004 represents the estimated costs of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the Trust holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. If any part of the request exceeds the fees limit then Section 12 applies to the whole request.

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)  
Head of Information Governance  
Velindre University NHS Trust  
2, Charnwood Court  
Heol Billingsley  
Parc Nantgarw  
Cardiff 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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