

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
Ref: CORP 2025 - 039

Dear xxx

**Freedom of Information request: Treatment of Melanoma (CORP 2025 – 039)**

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025.

Your Request:

Q1. *How many patients have been treated in the past 3 months with the following agents for melanoma (any stage):*

- *Cobimetinib*
- *Dabrafenib*
- *Dabrafenib + Trametinib*
- *Dacarbazine*
- *Denosumab*
- *Encorafenib + Binimetinib*
- *Ipilimumab monotherapy*
- *Ipilimumab + Nivolumab*
- *Nivolumab monotherapy*
- *Nivolumab + Relatlimab*
- *Pembrolizumab*
- *Trametinib*
- *Vemurafenib*
- *Vemurafenib + Cobimetinib*
- *Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy*
- *Palliative care only*

Q2. *How many patients have started treatment for melanoma for the first time in the last 3 months with the following treatments? (Please only count patients who have not been treated with any of these treatments for melanoma previously)*

- *Ipilimumab (monotherapy)*
- *Nivolumab (monotherapy)*
- *Nivolumab AND Ipilimumab (combination)*
- *Nivolumab AND Relatlimab*
- *Pembrolizumab*
- *Any Targeted Therapy (Dabrafenib /Dabrafenib AND Trametinib /Encorafenib AND Binimetinib /Trametinib /Vemurafenib /Vemurafenib AND Cobimetinib)*
- *Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy*
- *Palliative care only*

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Please find the Trust's response below:

**Q1. How many patients have been treated in the past 3 months with the following agents for melanoma (any stage):**

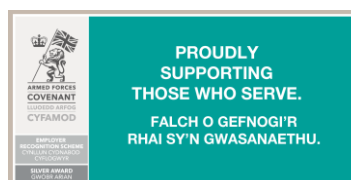
- **Cobimetinib – 0**
- **Dabrafenib – 0**
- **Dabrafenib + Trametinib - 11**
- **Dacarbazine – 0**
- **Denosumab - <6\***
- **Encorafenib + Binimetinib – 0**
- **Ipilimumab monotherapy - <6\***
- **Ipilimumab + Nivolumab - 12**
- **Nivolumab monotherapy - 44**
- **Nivolumab + Relatlimab – 0**
- **Pembrolizumab - 78**
- **Trametinib – 0**
- **Vemurafenib – 0**
- **Vemurafenib + Cobimetinib – 0**
- **Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy - 18**
- **Palliative care only – 0**

**Q2. How many patients have started treatment for melanoma for the first time in the last 3 months with the following treatments? (Please only count patients who have not been treated with any of these treatments for melanoma previously)**

- **Ipilimumab (monotherapy) - 0**
- **Nivolumab (monotherapy) - <6\***
- **Nivolumab AND Ipilimumab (combination) - <6\***
- **Nivolumab AND Relatlimab - 0**
- **Pembrolizumab - 12**
- **Any Targeted Therapy (Dabrafenib /Dabrafenib AND Trametinib /Encorafenib AND Binimetinib /Trametinib /Vemurafenib /Vemurafenib AND Cobimetinib) - <6\***
- **Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy - <6\***
- **Palliative care only - <6\***

\* Where the figure provided is less than 6, and where simple calculations could identify fields that contain less than 6, the Trust has applied an exemption under Section 40(2) (personal data) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the Trust believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified if the figures were disclosed.

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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:

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Yours sincerely

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