

Dear xxx

**Freedom of Information request: Treatment of advanced ovarian cancer (CORP 2025 – 063)**

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Your Request:

- 1) *How many patients have been treated for advanced (FIGO Stages III and IV) ovarian (epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal) cancer over the last 3 months? If none, do you refer advanced ovarian cancer patients to another trust, and if so which one?*
- 2) *How many ovarian cancer patients (any stage) have been treated in the last 3 months with:*
  - Paclitaxel in combination with a platinum-based compound*
  - Platinum-based therapy alone (cisplatin or carboplatin)*
  - Bevacizumab in combination with paclitaxel and carboplatin*
  - Olaparib*
  - Olaparib + Bevacizumab*
  - Niraparib*
  - Rucaparib*
- 3) *Does your trust participate in any clinical trials for the treatment of ovarian cancer? If so, please provide the name of each trial along with the number of patients taking part*
- 4) *If data for HRD (homologous recombination deficiency) testing is available, please provide how many HRD positive patients were treated in the last 3 months with:*
  - Olaparib*
  - Olaparib + Bevacizumab*
  - Niraparib*
  - Other treatments*

Please find the Trust's response below:

With regards to questions 1, 2 and 4, 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. To be able to identify the specific patients requested it will require a review of all the patients records as the information will be recorded in the free text annotations and not in the structured fields within the clinical systems.

In reaching this decision we estimate that it would take a minimum of 30 hours or £750, an extra amount of £300 over the core amount of £450, to obtain the data. The amount would require payment in full prior to the Trust undertaking the work.

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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.

**3) Does your trust participate in any clinical trials for the treatment of ovarian cancer? If so, please provide the name of each trial along with the number of patients taking part**

VALTIVE 1 – 18 participants recruited

ACTOv – <6 participants recruited

PICCOS – 13 participants recruited

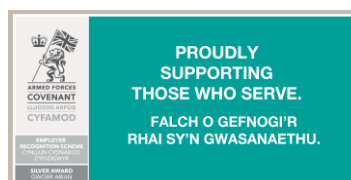
Where the figure provided is less than 6, and where simple calculations could identify fields that contain less than 6, the Trust has applied an exemption under Section 40(2) (personal data) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is because the Trust believes there is a potential risk of individuals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

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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