

Date: 13th November 2025
Ref: CORP 25/26 - 154

Dear xxx

Freedom of Information request: Treatment of Melanoma (CORP 25/26 – 154)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 21st October 2025.

Your Request:

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

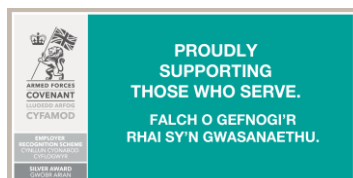
- *Cobimetinib*
- *Dabrafenib*
- *Dabrafenib + Trametinib*
- *Dacarbazine*
- *Denosumab*
- *Encorafenib + Binimetinib*
- *Ipilimumab monotherapy*
- *Ipilimumab + Nivolumab*
- *Nivolumab monotherapy*
- *Nivolumab + Relatlimab*
- *Pembrolizumab*
- *Trametinib*
- *Vemurafenib*
- *Vemurafenib + Cobimetinib*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

2) *In the last 3 months, how many patients have been initiated* on the following agents for treatment for melanoma?*

- *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*

**Patients are considered initiated if they have not been treated in the previous 6 months with any of the drugs that are part of the named regimen.*

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Please find the Trust's response below:

We note the same or a very similar request is being made every few months. To avoid the future use of a Qualified Exemption under Section 14(2) Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Trust suggests that you may wish to revise your periodicity of requests so that a reasonable interval has elapsed to enable the Trust to provide information to you whilst be mindful of its resources in providing such information. We recommend at least 6-9 months between requests.

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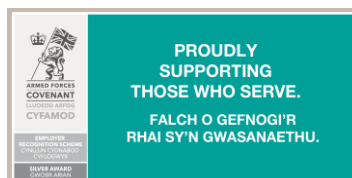
- **Cobimetinib - 0**
- **Dabrafenib - 0**
- **Dabrafenib + Trametinib - 0**
- **Dacarbazine - 0**
- **Denosumab - <6***
- **Encorafenib + Binimetinib - 0**
- **Ipilimumab monotherapy - 0**
- **Ipilimumab + Nivolumab - <6***
- **Nivolumab monotherapy - 30**
- **Nivolumab + Relatlimab - 0**
- **Pembrolizumab - 53**
- **Trametinib - 0**
- **Vemurafenib - 0**
- **Vemurafenib + Cobimetinib - 0**
- **Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy - 10**
- **Palliative care only - 40**

2) In the last 3 months, how many patients have been initiated* on the following agents for treatment for melanoma?

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

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* 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
Head of Information Governance
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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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