

Date: 23rd February 2026
Ref: CORP 25/26 - 273

Dear xxx

Freedom of Information request: Treatment of Melanoma (CORP 25/26 – 273)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 18th February 2026.

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:

As warned in our previous response to you, the Trust is applying an exemption under Section 14(2) Freedom of Information Act 2000 which states:

- (2) *Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.*

The Trust received the same request from you every few months, therefore the application of a Qualified Exemption under Section 14(2) is because a reasonable interval has not elapsed since the last time identical information was provided to you. The Trust recommends revising the frequency 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. The Trust recommends at least 6-9 months between requests.

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
Velindre University NHS Trust
2, Charnwood Court
Heol Billingsley
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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
2nd Floor, Churchill House,
Churchill Way,
Cardiff,
CF10 2HH
Telephone: 0330 414 6421
email: wales@ico.org.uk

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Yours sincerely

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