

Date: 2nd April 2026
Ref: CORP 25/26 - 298

Dear xxx

Freedom of Information request: Head and Neck Cancer (CORP 25/26 – 298)

Thank you for your request for information which the Trust received on 11th March 2026.

Your Request:

1. *Does your Trust treat patients for head and neck cancer (Squamous cell carcinoma)? If no, which Trust do you refer patients onto for treatment?*
2. *Within your trust, how many patients have been treated in the past 3 months for head and neck cancer (squamous cell carcinoma) with the following?*
 - Surgery only
 - Radiotherapy only
 - Surgery + Radiotherapy
 - Carboplatin (only or in combination with 5-FU)
 - Cisplatin (only or in combination with 5-FU)
 - Cetuximab with/without chemotherapy
 - Cetuximab with radiotherapy
 - Pembrolizumab monotherapy
 - Pembrolizumab with chemotherapy
 - Nivolumab
 - Docetaxel (only or in combination with 5-FU)
 - Fluorouracil (5FU) monotherapy
 - Any other chemotherapy (without radiotherapy)
 - Any other chemotherapy (with radiotherapy)
3. *Could you please provide the number of patients treated in the past 3 months with the following agents for metastatic head and neck cancer (squamous cell carcinoma)?*
 - Cetuximab with/without chemotherapy
 - Pembrolizumab monotherapy
 - Pembrolizumab with chemotherapy
 - Nivolumab
 - Docetaxel (only or in combination with 5-FU)
 - Any other chemotherapy (without radiotherapy)
 - Any other chemotherapy (with radiotherapy)
4. *How many patients who received Pembrolizumab for head and neck cancer (squamous cell carcinoma) in the last 3 months, received:*
 - Treatment every 3 weeks (200mg, Q3W)
 - Treatment every 6 weeks (400mg, Q6W)

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5. Does your trust participate in any clinical trials for head and neck cancer? If so, please provide the trial details and number of patients who are taking part.

Please find the Trust's response below:

1. Does your Trust treat patients for head and neck cancer (Squamous cell carcinoma)? If no, which Trust do you refer patients onto for treatment? – Yes

For questions 2-4 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.

To be able to provide this data would involve a manual review of patient notes, some of which are held by local health boards, to ascertain which patients have squamous cell carcinoma specifically. Due to the volume, and that some of the information is not held, we are unable to calculate an estimated timescale.

5. Does your trust participate in any clinical trials for head and neck cancer? If so, please provide the trial details and number of patients who are taking part.

Velindre University NHS Trust is currently participating in the following clinical trials for the treatment of Head and Neck cancer:

1. AHEAD MERIT (BNT113-01) Study

Full title: An open-label Phase II randomized trial of BNT113 in combination with pembrolizumab versus pembrolizumab monotherapy as a first line therapy in patients with unresectable recurrent, or metastatic Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma (HNSCC) which is positive for human papilloma virus 16 (HPV16+) and expresses PD-L1.

Number of participants recruited: 6

2. PROTIS Study

Full title: PROton beam Therapy vs IMRT for Sinonasal cancer.

Number of participants recruited: <6*

3. MCLA-158-CL03 Study

Full title: A phase III randomized, open label study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of Petosemtamab plus Pembrolizumab vs. Pembrolizumab in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma in the first line treatment of PD-L1+ (CPS≥1) metastatic/recurrent disease

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without curative therapy available.

Number of participants recruited: 0

4. **MCLA-158-CL02 (LiGER-HN2) Study**

Full title: A phase 3 open-label, randomized, controlled study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of petosemtamab compared with investigator's choice monotherapy treatment in previously treated patients with incurable, metastatic/recurrent head and neck squamous cell carcinoma.

Number of participants recruited: 0

* 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:

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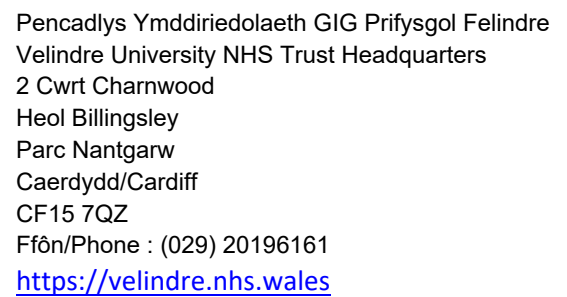
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Yours sincerely

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