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Subject:	Cancer key workers
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Requested:

I write about an FOI on cancer key workers and would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information:

1. How many cancer patients your board has, as of 25 June 2021?
2. How many and what percentage of cancer patients in your health board have been allocated a cancer key worker after diagnosis in 2020 and 2021?
3. How many cancer key workers you have - if possible, per head of population and per cancer patient?

Clarification

Would it be possible to send me information on confirmed cancer patients please? I refer to the Welsh Government's Together for Health document which said that health boards should "assign a Key Worker to each person with cancer, from the point of diagnosis onwards, to coordinate their ongoing care"

Response:

1. & 2. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information exactly as requested. The UHB's CaNISC system records live data and is therefore unable to provide the information for the periods requested.

However, the UHB can provide, within the table below, the number of patients by cancer type, the number with key workers allocated and the percentage, as recorded at June 2021.

Cancer type	Number of patients	Number of patients with key workers allocated	Percentage of patients with key workers allocated
Breast	69	38	56.5%
Colorectal	85	50	58.8%
Gynaecological	35	13	37.1%
Head & Neck	9	7	77.7%
Leukaemia/Lymphoma	47	17	36.1%
Lung	78	63	49.1%
Neurological	10	0	0
Skin	112	8	8.9%
Unknown primary	9	7	77.7%
Upper Gastrointestinal	74	8	10.8%
Urological	128	33	25.7%

Please note that the actual figures may slightly differ from those provided for the following reasons:

- Not all multidisciplinary teams allocate a key worker at the time of input in to the CaNISC system.
 - Key workers are allocated at different points in the care pathway for different cancer types.
 - Skin cancer patients are not always allocated a key worker as there are so many indolent skin cancers that would not require this level of support.
3. The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the current number of key workers, by cancer type.

Cancer type	Number of key workers
Breast Cancer	5
Colorectal	6
Gynaecology	2
Haematology	4
Head and Neck Cancer	2
Lung Cancer	6
Mesothelioma	1
Neuro-oncology	1
Oncology	1
Oncology and Metastatic Breast	4
Skin Cancer	3
Upper Gastrointestinal	2
Urology	7