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Subject:	Cancer treatments
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Requested:

1. How many patients were treated for Urothelial cancer (any stage) in the past 3 months with the following treatments:
 - Atezolizumab (Tecentriq)
 - Avelumab (Bavencio)
 - Carboplatin single agent or in any other combination
 - Carboplatin with Gemcitabine
 - Carboplatin with Paclitaxel
 - Cisplatin single agent or in any other combination
 - Cisplatin with Gemcitabine
 - Cisplatin with Gemcitabine + Nivolumab (Opdivo)
 - Enfortumab Vedotin + Pembrolizumab (Padcev + Keytruda)
 - Nivolumab (Opdivo)
 - Pembrolizumab (Keytruda)
 - Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy
 - Palliative care only

2. Does your trust participate in any ongoing clinical trials for the treatment of urothelial cancer? If so, can you please provide the name of each trial along with the number of patients taking part?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the data requested for palliative care, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of the medical records of patients that are receiving palliative care and those receiving treatment for Urothelial cancer, to identify any information that would fulfil these parts of your request, as this is not recorded centrally.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds below.

1. The table below provides the number of patients treated with the named treatments for Urothelial cancer between 1 August and 31 October 2024.

Treatment	Number of patients
Atezolizumab (Tecentriq)	7
Avelumab (Bavencio)	*
Carboplatin single agent or in any other combination	0
Carboplatin with Gemcitabine	*
Carboplatin with Paclitaxel	0
Cisplatin single agent or in any other combination	0
Cisplatin with Gemcitabine	*
Cisplatin with Gemcitabine + Nivolumab (Opdivo)	0
Enfortumab Vedotin + Pembrolizumab (Padcev + Keytruda)	0
Nivolumab (Opdivo)	0
Pembrolizumab (Keytruda)	0
Other active systemic anti-cancer therapy	*
Palliative care only	Section 12 applied

Where the figures in the table have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the FoIA. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.

2. The UHB is not currently participating in any clinical trials for Urothelial cancer.