

Reference:	FOI.20249.26
Subject:	Cancer
Date of Request:	21 April 2026

Requested:

I am seeking data specifically regarding cancer within the NHS Wales healthcare system for the reporting year of 2024 - 2026.

Specifically, I am looking for the following information:

1. **Diagnosis:** The total number of patients in Wales who received a primary diagnosis of cancer between 2024 and 2026.
2. **Mortality:** The total number of recorded deaths in Wales where cancer was listed as the primary cause of death between 2024 and 2026.
3. **Cross-Border Referrals:** The total number of patients residing in Wales who were referred to NHS England trusts for specialist treatment or surgery specifically related to cancer during this period.

If data for the full 2024 - 2026 period is not yet fully validated or available, please provide the most recent available figures or a "year-to-date" extract.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold the information requested for question 2, as the cause of death and any contributing factors is determined by the coroner, who is appointed by the Local Authority (LA). We therefore recommend that you redirect this part of your request to the Freedom of Information Teams within each LA in the UHB's footprint, who may be able to help you with your enquiry. Their contact details are set out overleaf:

- Information & Data Protection Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP or by email foia@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
- Complaints & Freedom of Information Team, Ceredigion County Council, Canolfan Rheidol, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3UE or by email foi@ceredigion.gov.uk
- Information Governance Team, Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TP or by email FOI@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance and provides the information it holds below.

1. The UHB confirms that seven thousand, six hundred and thirty-one (7,631) patients received a confirmed cancer diagnosis, during the period 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2026.

3. The UHB confirms that thirty-nine (39) patients were referred by Secondary Care to NHS England for specific cancer treatment under the Prior Approval Policy, during the period 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2026.