

Reference:	FOI.19944.26
Subject:	Cholangiocarcinoma
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Requested:

I'm writing an information request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding statistics for bile duct cancer (cholangiocarcinoma) within the NHS Wales healthcare system.

- Specifically, I am looking for data covering the last 3 available reporting years, broken down by year, for the following:

Diagnosis:

- The total number of patients in Wales who received a primary diagnosis of bile duct cancer.

Mortality:

- The total number of deaths recorded in Wales where bile duct cancer was listed as the primary cause of death.

Survival Rates:

- The number of patients who died within a year of their diagnosis of bile duct cancer in Wales.

Cross-Border Referrals:

- The number of patients residing in Wales who were referred to NHS England trusts for specialist treatment or surgery specifically related to bile duct cancer.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold all of the information requested as it does not hold information for NHS Wales as a whole. The UHB is part of NHS Wales and is an integrated Local Health Board responsible for the planning and provision of primary, community and in hospital services, based on the needs of the local community across three (3) counties. Therefore, the information relating to Hywel Dda University Health Board only, is provided below.

- The UHB provides within the table below, the number of patients who received a primary diagnosis of bile duct cancer, during the 2023 to 2025 calendar years.

Year	Number
2023	16
2024	22
2025	27

- The UHB regrets to inform you that it does not hold the information requested, 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 below:

- 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.

1c. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of patients who passed away within a year of their bile duct cancer diagnosis, during the 2023 to 2025 calendar years.

Year	Number
2023	12
2024	17
2025	17

1d. The UHB confirms zero (0) patients residing in the UHB's catchment area were referred to NHS England trusts for specialist treatment or surgery specifically related to bile duct cancer, during the 2023 to 2025 calendar years.