

Reference:	FOI.4199.20
Subject:	HER2 breast core biopsies
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Requested:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information Request regarding HER2 breast core biopsies within your Histology department at Glangwili Hospital.

1. What method or test is used to determine the amplification status of equivocal HER2 “2+” breast core biopsies? (e.g. Fluorescence In Situ Hybridisation)
2. Is this test performed in-house or externally? (If externally, please state where the test is performed.)
3. What is the individual cost to perform one of these tests?
4. What is the average waiting time (in days) for an exact HER2 score (HER2:CEP17 ratio) to be received by a consultant for a breast core biopsy once it has been proven to be equivocal “2+”? (If an exact time is not available, please could you provide an approximation?)
5. What is the range in waiting times (in days) for an exact HER2 score (HER2:CEP17 ratio) to be received by a consultant for a breast core biopsy once it has been proven to be equivocal “2+”? (If an exact time is not available, please could you provide an approximation?)

How many breast core biopsies were tested for their HER2 amplification status in 2019? Of these, how many were equivocal “2+” cases that needed an additional test to calculate the exact score (HER2:CEP17 ratio)?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold the information requested. HER2 breast core biopsies are undertaken within Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB).

We would therefore recommend that you redirect your request to the Freedom of Information Team in SBUHB who may be able to help you with your enquiry: -

FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk or alternatively, you can contact: FOIA Team, Swansea Bay University Health Board, Health Board Headquarters, 1 Talbot Gateway, Port Talbot, SA12 7BR.