

Reference:	FOI.1537.19
Subject:	Patients being treated for multiple myeloma or chronic lymphocytic leukaemia
Date of Request:	10 September 2019

Requested

1. Does your trust treat adult multiple myeloma [MM]? - if you refer your multiple myeloma patients to another centre, please state which.
2. If yes, then how many multiple myeloma patients, have been treated in the past 6 months with the following:
 - Bortezomib [Velcade]
 - Carfilzomib [Kyprolis]
 - Ixazomib [Ninlaro]
 - Lenalidomide [Revlimid]
 - Daratumumab [Darzalex]
 - Melphalan, prednisolone and thalidomide (known as MPT)
 - Cyclophosphamide, thalidomide and dexamethasone (known as CTD)
 - Pomalidomide [Imnovid]
- 3a. Over the past 6 months [latest possible], how many chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) patients have you treated?
- 3b. If possible, how many CLL patients treated were new to therapy in the past 3 months?
4. How many chronic lymphocytic leukaemia patients, have been treated in the past 6 months with the following:
 - Fludarabine (Fludara), cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan), and rituximab (known as FCR)
 - Bendamustine and rituximab (known as BR)
 - Ibrutinib [Imbruvica]
 - Chlorambucil
 - Venetoclax
 - Obinutuzumab
 - Idelalisib
 - Fludarabine and rituximab (known as FR)
 - High-dose prednisone and rituximab
 - Pentostatin (Nipent), cyclophosphamide, and rituximab (known as PCR)
 Alemtuzumab (Campath) with rituximab

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate level” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate level” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or (2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

The ChemoCare team, who hold a central record of cancer treatments, is based within Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB). In order to provide you with the information requested, the UHB would be required to conduct a manual trawl of all cancer patients' medical records to establish the type of cancer diagnosed and therapies used to treat the patients. It is estimated that conducting this search would take longer than the 18 hour 'appropriate limit' as stated within the Act.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, 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*.

Under section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, the UHB has an obligation to provide advice and assistance.

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.