

Reference:	FOI.16969.25
Subject:	Oncology services
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Your request and our response

When referring to a private patient this is a patient treated within NHS facilities but not funded by the NHS.

1. Oncology Services

Please confirm the number of patients treated for cancer by patient type for the calendar year (2024).

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold all of the information requested, as it does not treat private patients. Therefore, the UHB provides the information it holds within the tables below and overleaf.

Number of Oncology patients (Calendar year 2024)	Patients
Total	2,030
NHS Funded	2,030
Privately Funded	Not applicable

2. Patients treated with immuno-oncology products

Please provide the total number of patients who have been treated with an Immuno-oncology product latest calendar year (2024) by patient type.

Clarified

Please include CTLA4 inhibitors, PD-1 inhibitors and PD-L1 inhibitors only.

Number of Oncology patients treated with an Immuno-oncology product (Calendar year 2024)	Patients
Total	333
NHS Funded	333
Privately Funded	Not applicable

3. Prescribing of specific Immuno-oncology products.

For the latest calendar year (2024), please provide the number of patients treated with the following Immuno-oncology products:

Number of Oncology patients treated with the following Immuno-oncology product (Calendar year 2024)	Patients: Pembrolizumab (Keytruda)	Patients: Nivolumab (Opdivo)	Patients: Nivolumab/Relatlimab (Opdualag)
Total	174	60	*
NHS Funded	174	60	*
Privately funded	Not applicable		

Where the figure in the table has been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low number 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 Freedom of Information Act. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR) 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.