

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.4291.20
<b>Subject:</b>	Oral cancer
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**Requested:**

Could I please find out how many referrals for oral cancer that your hospital(s) has received over the last 12 months?

I would need this number broken down on a month to month basis please. If I could get the data from September 2019 to September 2020.

**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.

In order to provide you with the requested information, the UHB would need to manually scrutinise all Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) patient referrals for the period requested, to identify any information that fulfils your request.

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