

Reference:	FOI.4395.20
Subject:	Treatment of colorectal cancer
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Requested:

Within your health trust, how many patients have been treated in the past 3 months with the following agents for colorectal cancer [CRC]?

- Aflibercept
- Bevacizumab
- Capecitabine
- CAPIRI
- CAPOX
- Cetuximab in combination with FOLFIRI
- Cetuximab in combination with FOLFOX
- Cetuximab not in combination with FOLFIRI or FOLFOX
- Irinotecan
- FOLFIRI
- FOLFOX
- Oxaliplatin
- Panitumumab in combination with FOLFIRI
- Panitumumab in combination with FOLFOX
- Panitumumab not in combination with FOLFIRI or FOLFOX
- Nivolumab
- Raltitrexed
- Ramucirumab
- Regorafenib
- Sorafenib
- 5FU only
- Tegafur Uracil + 5FU
- Trifluridine–tipiracil
- XELOX
- Other

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the number of patients who were treated for Colorectal Cancer with the above named therapies, 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.