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Subject:	Treatment of ovarian cancer
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Requested:

1. How many patients have been treated for advanced (FIGO Stages III and IV) high-grade ovarian (epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal) cancer over the last 3 months? If none, do you refer ovarian cancer patients to another trust, if so which one?
2. How many ovarian cancer patients (any stage) have been treated in the last 3 months with:
 - Paclitaxel in combination with a platinum-based compound
 - Platinum-based therapy alone (cisplatin or carboplatin)
 - Bevacizumab in combination with paclitaxel and carboplatin
 - Olaparib
 - Olaparib + Bevacizumab
 - Niraparib
 - Rucaparib
3. Of the ovarian cancer patients (any stage) treated over the last 3 months, how many patients:
 - Received HRD (homologous recombination deficiency) testing
 - Received BRCA testing
 - Tested HRD positive
 - Tested BRCA positive (BRCAm)
4. If data for HRD testing is available, please provide how many HRD positive patients were treated in the last 3 months with:
 - Olaparib
 - Olaparib + Bevacizumab
 - Niraparib
 - Other treatments
5. If data for HRD and BRCA testing is available, please provide how many HRD positive-BRCA positive patients were treated in the last 3 months with:
 - Olaparib
 - Olaparib + Bevacizumab
 - Niraparib
 - Other treatments

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 limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” 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, which holds 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 hours 'appropriate limit' as stated within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the FoIA, 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.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, we are required as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under FoIA. We 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. The contact details are as follows:-

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.