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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 24th September 2019. Your request sought information relating to neck and colorectal cancers.

We have provided information for the period 1st March 2019 to 31st August 2019.

1. Within your health board how many patients have been treated in the past 6 months for head and neck cancer (Squamous cell carcinoma)?

The number of patients currently being treated is not held centrally. Information can only be provided for patients at point of presentation but not at any other point in their pathway. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

2. Of these patients how many are locally advanced and how many are recurrent and/or metastatic head and neck cancer patients?

See question 1

3. Within your health board how many patients have been treated in the past 6 months for head and neck cancer (Squamous cell carcinoma) with the following agents?

Carboplatin (only or in combination with 5-FU)

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• Cisplatin (only or in combination with 5-FU)	25
• Cetuximab with/without chemotherapy	Nil
• Cetuximab with radiotherapy	5
• Pembrolizumab monotherapy	Nil
• Pembrolizumab with chemotherapy	Nil
• Nivolumab	<5
• Docetaxel (only or in combination with 5-FU)	Nil
• Fluorouracil (5FU)	Nil
• Radiotherapy only	Not available
• Other	5

4. Within your health board how many patients have been treated in the past 6 months with the following agent for colorectal cancer [CRC];

• Aflibercept	<5
• Bevacizumab	<5
• Capecitabine	24
• CAPIRI	<5
• CAPOX	64
• Cetuximab not in combination with FOLFIRI or FOLFOX	<5
• Cetuximab in combination with FOLFIRI	8
• Cetuximab in combination with FOLFOX	6
• Irinotecan	5
• FOLFIRI	22
• FOLFOX	33
• Oxaliplatin	<5
• Panitumumab not in combination with FOLFIRI or FOLFOX	<5
• Panitumumab in combination with FOLFIRI	Nil
• Panitumumab in combination with FOLFOX	<5
• Nivolumab	Nil
• Raltitrexed	<5
• Ramucirumab	Nil
• Regorafenib	Nil
• Sorafenib	Nil
• 5FU only	<5
• Tegafur Uracil + 5FU	Nil
• Trifluridine–tipiracil	<5
• XELOX	As above
• Other	30

Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.



I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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