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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Your request sought information relating to pelvic radiation disease.

**1. Does your Health Board have specialist clinics for patients who have had treatment for cervical cancer and are experiencing the late effects of pelvic radiotherapy, e.g. bowel or urinary issues (also known as pelvic radiation disease or PRD)?**

No, Swansea Bay does not have a dedicated service. Patients experiencing the late effects of pelvic radiotherapy are seen within the Gynaecology Oncology Clinic. Additionally, patients are also referred to the Continence Service for some issues and to a specialised Macmillan Gynaecology Physiotherapist. We also provide support with the psychological effects of cancer, treatment, and survivorship and have a number of services throughout South West Wales that we can refer to. Locally the Maggies Centre has a dedicated Gynaecology Oncology Support Group.

**If so, please give details of:**

**i. The clinic(s) name and opening times**

Not applicable

**ii. Annual caseload**

Not applicable

**iii. The proportion of patients referred direct from oncology**

Not applicable



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**iv. The proportion of patients referred from their GP**

Not applicable

**2. Do your oncology teams have a standardised method of identifying people with PRD for referral (e.g. by asking patients the questions in the ALERT-B tool to support the clinical assessment of patients suitable for referral to a gastroenterologist)?**

Yes, we use the ALERT-B tool.

**3. Does your radiotherapy centre ensure patients are aware of possible acute and long-term side effects of pelvic radiotherapy before they undergo treatment? If so, how?**

Yes. Patients are made aware during an informed consent process, and a follow up call with a clinical nurse specialist.

**4. Does your radiotherapy centre offer a range of materials to support with acute or late effects of radiotherapy, e.g. booklets, symptom checklist, toilet cards? If so, what materials do you provide?**

Yes – booklets (both Macmillan and other) and toilet cards.

**5. Do your gastroenterologists and dieticians use the PRD bowel algorithm, published in 'The Practical Management of the Gastrointestinal Symptoms of Pelvic Radiation Disease'?**

[https://www.macmillan.org.uk/images/practical-management-gi-symptoms-pelvic-radiation-disease\\_tcm9-300557.pdf](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/images/practical-management-gi-symptoms-pelvic-radiation-disease_tcm9-300557.pdf)

Yes.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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Yours sincerely



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