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Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Your request sought information relating to chemotherapy treatment.

### **How many people received chemotherapy treatment in Swansea Bay Health Board during May 2019 and May 2020?**

Please note that the below attendances are for Systematic Anti-Cancer Treatment. This includes chemotherapy, immunotherapy and oral non-chemotherapy anticancer treatments. The figures reflect attendances as a whole, both of inpatients, outpatients and homecare – if a patient is treated more than once in this period, they will be counted more than once in the numbers.

May 2019 - 1875 attendances

May 2020 - 1373 attendances

Please note that the reduction in attendance was multifactorial. It includes non-attendance due to patient choice during the COVID-19 pandemic, reduction in new patient referrals, safety measures that have had to be put in place to align with National Guidance to protect both our vulnerable patients and our members of staff and alignment with National Treatment Guidance which you can view here:

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/NG161>.

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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