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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Your request sought information relating to ovarian cancer.

Please note these figures are for the period 01.07.19-31.12.19.

1. How many patients have been diagnosed over the last 6 months with epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer?

Fallopian Tube Cancer	16
Ovarian Cancer	80
Peritoneal cancer	10

Please note we no longer use codes for Morphology, so cannot provide figures for epithelial ovarian cancer. However, we have provided figures for ovarian cancer. Some patients have more than one diagnosis of the above, so they have been counted more than once.

a. If none, do you refer ovarian cancer patients to another trust, if so which one?

Not applicable

2. Of the ovarian patients, how many have been tested for BRCA mutation? If unknown please state unknown and move to Question 4

Please note that all patients diagnosed with high grade serous histology (Fallopian tube, ovary, primary peritoneal cancer) in Wales are offered BRCA testing.



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However in terms of the actual numbers recorded this would not be held centrally. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of patient 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.

- **3.** Of the ovarian patient BRCA mutation tests how many tested positive? Please see question 2
- 4. Of the ovarian patients diagnosed over the last 6 months, how many have been treated with the below:

Paclitaxel in combination with a platinum-based compound

Platinum-based therapy alone (cisplatin or carboplatin)

Bevacizumab in combination with paclitaxel and carboplatin

**Olaparib** 

**Niraparib** 

Rucaparib

Pegylated liposomal doxorubicin hydrochloride (PLDH) as monotherapy or in combination with a platinum-based compound

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5. Of those who were positive for a BRCA mutation, how many received Olaparib for 1st line maintenance?

As of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, there are currently 6 BRCA positive patients on our prescribing log for Olaparib as first line maintenance.

6. Of those who were positive for a BRCA mutation, how many received Bevacizumab in combination with paclitaxel and carboplatin for 1st line maintenance?

This information is not held centrally. Not all BRCA positive patients are candidates for Bevacizumab. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of patient records to differentiate which were eligible for Bevacizumab and then the decision made on their treatment, 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.

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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