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Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received by the Trust on 19/10/2021. Please see responses to your requests below.

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

Treatment	No. of patients
Carboplatin (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU)	-
Cisplatin (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU)	9
Cetuximab with/without chemotherapy	-
Cetuximab with radiotherapy	-
Pembrolizumab monotherapy	-
Pembrolizumab with chemotherapy	-
Nivolumab	-
Docetaxel (monotherapy or in combination with 5-FU)	-
Fluorouracil (5FU)	-
Radiotherapy only	9
Other	-

We are unable to provide precise figures when these are five or less due to the risk that individuals will be identified, as we are required to protect their identity under the Data Protection Act.

In such circumstances sections 40(2) and (3) of the Freedom of Information Act apply. In this case, our view is that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This states that personal data should be processed fairly and lawfully. It is the fairness aspect of this principle which, in our view, would be breached by disclosure.

2. For the patients treated in the past 3 months for head and neck cancer (squamous cell carcinoma) with the therapies listed in the first question, please provide:

Total number of head and neck cancer patients?

Of the patients listed in question 1, there was a total of 31 patients.

3. Number of locally advanced head and neck cancer patients?

To extract this information, we would have to search through a significant amount of patient records. It is estimated that to attempt to retrieve all the information you require would take a considerable amount of retrieval time, which would exceed 18 hours. This would exceed the appropriate limit for

dealing with a Freedom of Information Request, in terms of costs and therefore Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies.

4. Number of recurrent and/or metastatic head and neck cancer patients?

There were zero recurrent or metastatic cancer patients.

5. Within your health trust, how many patients have been treated in the past 3 months with the following agents for colorectal cancer [CRC]?

Treatment	No. of patients
Aflibercept	-
Bevacizumab	-
Capecitabine	101
CAPIRI	-
CAPOX (XELOX)	-
Cetuximab in combination with FOLFIRI	-
Cetuximab in combination with FOLFOX	-
Cetuximab not in combination with FOLFIRI or FOLFOX	-
Irinotecan only	-
FOLFIRI	-
FOLFOX	-
Fluorouracil (5FU) only	-
Oxaliplatin only	-
Panitumumab in combination with FOLFIRI	33
Panitumumab in combination with FOLFOX	27
Panitumumab not in combination with FOLFIRI or FOLFOX	-
Pembrolizumab	-
Nivolumab	-
Raltitrexed	-
Ramucirumab	-
Regorafenib	-
Sorafenib	-
Other SACT	21

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Please accept this letter as completion of your request. Please note that copies of this request will be held on file for three years before being confidentially destroyed.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, please contact our Head of Information Governance on Information.Governance@porthosp.nhs.uk or write to the above address and we will conduct an internal review. Upon review, if you are still dissatisfied, you may appeal our decision by contacting the Information Commissioner's Office; for more information, please visit the [ICO's website](#).

Please be aware, if we do not receive an appeal within 30 days of you receiving this letter, we will assume that you are satisfied with our response. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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