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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/011641**

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 04/11/2013 in connection with 'Oncology'.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is attached

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1. Within your organisation how many patients are currently being treated for metastatic colorectal cancer. If you are not able to confirm how many patients are being treated currently can you provide the number of patients treated in the last 6 months.
  - Of those patients if possible please split by their current drug treatment;

Drug	Patients
<b>Total treated patients</b>	No. of patient in last 6 months (1.5.13-14.11.13)
<b>Aflibercept</b>	Aflibercept = 12
<b>Bevacizumab</b>	Bevacizumab=47
<b>Cetuximab</b>	Cetuximab= 6
<b>Panitumumab</b>	Panitumumab=4
<b>5-Fluorouracil only</b>	
<b>Capecitabine and irinotecan (CAPIRI)</b>	Capecitabine+Irinotecan = 0
<b>Capecitabine and oxalipatin (CAPOX)</b>	Capecitabine+oxaliplatin=0
<b>Irinotecan with 5-fluorouracil (5FU) and folinic acid [FOLFIRI]</b>	FOLFIRI = 4 Irinotecan with 5-fluorouracil (5FU) – not available within time limits
<b>Oxaliplatin with 5-fluorouracil (5FU) and folinic acid [FOLFOX]</b>	Not available within time limits
<b>Other</b>	

2. Within your organisation how many patients are currently being treated for head and neck cancer (Squamous cell carcinoma) ? If you are not able to confirm how many patients are being treated currently can you provide the number of patients treated in the last 6 months.
  - Of those patients please split by their current drug treatment;

Drug	Patients
Total treated patients	
Carboplatin	
Cetuximab	
Cisplatin	
Docetaxel	
5-Fluorouracil only	
Paclitaxel	
Other	

3. How are these patients mainly funded?
  - NICE guidance
  - Cancer drugs fund
  - Individual Funding Requests
  - Private

Please complete the table below;

	Total Patients	Cancer drugs fund	Individual Funding Requests	Private	NICE Guidance	Other
Colorectal Cancer						
Head and neck cancer						

RESPONSE:

The Somerset Cancer Register collects details of patients diagnosed and treated for cancer, however there is not a standard report to extract the data for this FOI. This database is used for the recording and monitoring of patients against the Cancer Waiting Times Targets and for submission of data for audits. These extracts are standard reports built into the system according to the relevant dataset.

To extract the data requested would require a SQL query to be written to extract and collate the information.

With regard to the allocation of treatment and the funding appropriate to that, Pharmacy has attempted to provide this information through an extensive manual investigation. However, following 4 hours of extensive investigations they have been able to complete only a small part of this information (please see question 1) there are in excess of 100 records still to complete. To complete the whole of the information request, would take further investigation within electronic records and patient files which would take in excess of 18 hours.

As a Trust, we do not yet have an Electronic Prescribing system from which it may have been possible to obtain this information.

Please find a partial response to question 1 in the table above.

For the remainder of question 1 - (Oxaliplatin with 5-fluorouracil (5FU) and folinic acid [FOLFOX])

and for questions 2 and 3 the following cost calculation applies:

100 records to complete the request -

100 records multiplied by 15 minutes a record (electronic and paper records) = 1500 minutes

1500 minutes = 25 hours

25 hours multiplied by £25 per hours (FOI calculation for information that would take over 18 hours to collate) = £625 to receive the remainder of the information.

Could you please inform the Trust if you want to receive the remainder of the information for the cost above?