

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_388_16

You asked:

- Does your organisation conduct regular environmental monitoring, risk assessment and/or staff surveillance within cancer day units to detect possible chemical contamination from hazardous drugs being administered? E.g. Surface contamination wipe tests.
- If so, what assessments/tests are conducted and how often are they carried out?

Our response:

I can confirm that Cwm Taf University Health Board does not hold the information you require in relation to the Cancer Unit based at Prince Charles Hospital. Cwm Taf residents receive intravenous cancer drug therapies via the Velindre Cancer Centre, Velindre NHS Trust. Therefore, you will need to redirect your request to Velindre, who provide these treatments to Cwm Taf residents.

Contact details for Velindre are shown in the following link:

<http://www.velindre-tr.wales.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-contacts>

However Cwm Taf does manage haematology patients having chemotherapy although, not part of a cancer day unit. Within the aseptic unit where chemotherapy is manufactured, environmental monitoring is conducted. The aseptic unit holds an MHRA Manufacturer's "Specials" Licence and is thus compliant with all EU GMP legislation including its environmental monitoring requirements; as laid down in Commission Directives 91/356/EEC, as amended by Directive 2003/94/EC, and 91/412/EEC respectively.