

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_97_18

You asked:

1. What has been the capital expenditure in each of the last 3 financial years on cancer services?
2. As a result of this capital expenditure, what upgrades, services or additional equipment has this expenditure enabled?

Our response:

Over the last three years, the Health Board has received over £61m in capital funding from Welsh Government. Some of this has been for ring-fenced schemes and some for discretionary funding.

In allocating available funding, the Health Board considers priority, risk and how to most effectively use its resources. Cancer services benefit from investment in most diagnostic and imaging improvements, as well as from investments in theatres, general medical equipment, outpatients and ward areas.

To help provide a response to this question, it has been assumed that the benefits from the improvements to Health Board infrastructure, general medical equipment and environment are not included in this analysis. Expenditure where cancer patients and possible cancer patients have benefited more directly via improved and more efficient diagnostic and treatment technologies has been included and are set out in the table appended to this letter.

It's also important to note that many of our cancer patients access treatment from the Velindre Cancer Centre in Cardiff, whose capital resource allocation is separate from the Health Board's.