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University Health Board



Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_249_26

You asked:

I am seeking data specifically regarding cancer within the NHS Wales healthcare system for the reporting year of 2024 - 2026.

Specifically, I am looking for the following information:

1. **Diagnosis: The total number of patients in the Health Board who received a primary diagnosis of cancer between 2024 and 2026.**

*Please note the 2026 figures only include January and February 2026.

Year	Number of patients
2024	3,518
2025	3,886
*2026	604

2. **Mortality: The total number of recorded deaths in the Health Board where cancer was listed as the primary cause of death between 2024 and 2026.**

We can confirm that the Health Board does not hold this specific information. Whilst a date of death may be recorded on the cancer tracker, this would be for death by any reason and not necessarily from cancer.

The detailed information that you require would be held in the individual's death certificate. Death certificates are not held by the Health Board, but by the Registrar of Deaths (in the local authority). Therefore, you may wish to redirect your request to them directly.

To assist you with this request, the relevant email addresses are provided below:

- Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council - freedomofinformation@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk
- Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council - FOI@merthyr.gov.uk
- Bridgend County Borough Council - foi@bridgend.gov.uk

Some information on deaths is also available on the Office for National statistics. Please see link provided: [Death registration summary statistics, England and Wales - Office for National Statistics](#)

3. **Cross-Border Referrals: The total number of patients residing in Cwm Taf Morgannwg who were referred to NHS England trusts for specialist treatment or surgery specifically related to cancer during this period.**

*Please note the 2026 figures only include January and February 2026.

Year	Number of patients
2024	5
2025	**
*2026	**

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. The data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.