



**The Clatterbridge
Cancer Centre**
NHS Foundation Trust

Clatterbridge Road
Bebington
Wirral
CH63 4JY

Tel: 0151 556 5000
Web: www.clatterbridgecc.nhs.uk

Date: 15 October 2021

Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 284-2021

Thank you for your email dated the 20th September 2021, requesting information in relation to treatment figures and protocols.

The information that you require is as follows:

- **anonymised information regarding the statistics of people with a diagnosis where chemo and radio therapy is the decided treatment and when they receive the first round of radio in the treatment plan (i.e. what cycle of Chemo) at the Trust,**
Please note, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 our Trust is unable to release all of the information requested. The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust (CCC) is a relatively small Trust and by providing this level of detail where the number of patients is less than or equal to five increases any ‘potential’ risk of this data becoming identifiable information and thereby contravening one or more of the Data Protection Principles by releasing it into the public domain. Confidentiality is expected in such matters. This information is therefore exempt under Section 40: Personal Information, of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The areas where this exemption has been applied are shown below:

Between 1st October 2020 and 30th September 2021:

Pivot to show what cycle was given in conjunction with the first round of RT

Year/Month	Cycle Number	
	1	2
2020		
Oct	31	0
Nov	35	0
Dec	39	0
2021		
Jan	27	0
Feb	43	0
Mar	58	0
Apr	37	Exempt under S.40
May	54	0
Jun	41	0
Jul	48	0
Aug	42	0
Sep	37	0

- what the Trust protocol is on when they should receive the radio in the treatment plan,
The Trust protocol on when the patient should receive their Radiotherapy in the treatment plan is dependent upon the tumour type and the treatment regime. It is therefore not possible to give one answer to the timing of radio with chemo as there are a number of variables that must be considered for each patient.
- the protocols of using locum doctors and centres to biopsy suspected cancerous cells, and the
N/A- We do not conduct biopsies.
- Trust protocol and the national protocol on when Ki-67 tests should be conducted in an investigation of a cell diagnosis.
N/A - We do not conduct breast prognostic tests

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>