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## Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

<b>FOI Reference:</b>	<b>055</b>
<b>Date request received</b>	<b>10th October 2017</b>
<b>Date information is due to be sent</b>	<b>N/A</b>

### Information requested:

The information I would like to be given if possible:

1) Lung cancer biopsy: for patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)

- What is the percentage of patients with suspected NSCLC undergoing biopsy for diagnosis purposes ?
- How much does a "standard" lung biopsy in the context of cancer diagnosis cost NHS Wales? If not available is there an average cost of diagnosis for lung cancer patients within NHS Wales ?
- How long do patients have to stay at the hospital on average for a lung cancer biopsy (eg can the patient have the procedure on the day, or does the procedure require a one or multiple nights stay) ?

2) Lung cancer genotyping : for patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC)

- What is the current standard method to analyse a lung biopsy to get information on the specific genetic mutations (eg PCR, genome sequencing etc) ? Are all/a majority of hospitals within NHS Wales equipped with the technology or is there a centralised laboratory analysing samples from different sites ?
- How much does this standard method cost NHS Wales, per test ?
- How long does it usually take from the day of the biopsy to getting the results ?

3) Are NHS Wales hospital diagnosis laboratories usually equipped with plate readers (aka microplate readers or microplate photometers) ?

**The date range I'm interested in:**

The most up-to-date information possible, for a single year when applicable. Eg for the year 2015/2016, or 2014/2015 if not available, or 2013/2014 if not available and so on.

**Information provided for the answer:**

Thank you for your email dated 10<sup>th</sup> October. I regret to inform you that we do not hold the information you requested. Public Health Wales does not provide secondary care and has no hospitals in its estate.

May we recommend that you contact the following sources who may be able to help you with your enquiry:-

Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board

[http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/863/page/39302#Freedom\\_of\\_Information\\_Act\\_inquiries](http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/863/page/39302#Freedom_of_Information_Act_inquiries)

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/866/page/39187>

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/861/page/39134>

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

<http://www.cardiffandvaleuhb.wales.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-new>

Cwm Taf University Health Board

<http://cwmtaf.wales/foi/>

Hywel Dda University Health Board

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/862/page/52085>

Powys Teaching Health Board

<http://www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>

If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, you should write to the Corporate Complaints Manager, Public Health Wales NHS Trust, 3, Number 2, Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner for Wales

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Churchill Way  
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