

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-279	19 th August 2021
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I write about an FOI on cancer key workers and would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information:

1. How many cancer patients your board has, as of 25 June 2021?

As of 25th June 2021 the Health Board had 370 patients.

2. How many and what percentage of cancer patients in your health board have been allocated a cancer key worker after diagnosis in 2020 and 2021?

Key workers for this response are defined as Clinical Nurse specialists (CNS) working in adult cancer who perform the role of keyworker for the tumour site Multi-Disciplinary Team. All cancer patients under 16 have a keyworker outside the Health Board, other roles can undertake keyworker roles including Primary Care but are not included in this data.

The Health Board has keyworkers available to be allocated for 96.5% of those patients cancers diagnosed.

3. How many cancer key workers you have - if possible, per head of population and per cancer patient?

The Health Board serves a population of 639,000 people (estimated population under 16 is 108,300) giving an adult (over-16) key worker ratio of 1 Cancer CNS per *18149.79 of the adult population.

*Please note the figure provided is per adult population not cancer population. The Health Board is unable to provide the exact amount of cancer patients as this information is not recorded centrally. Further clarification would be required on the definition of a cancer patient i.e. those on active treatment, active follow-up, those on stratified follow-up (self-monitoring or GP) or those discharged. Once clarified, in order to determine this, the Health Board would have to review every patient record. Therefore in order to comply with your request the Health Board has established that this would exceed the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which is currently £450. As you will be aware this is not an exemption which requires us to consider the application of the public interest test. We have calculated that it would take in excess of 18 hours to review the record of each patient.