

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/104
Cervical Cancer

Request details

- 1. Does your Health Board have specialist clinics for patients who have had treatment for cervical cancer and are experiencing the late effects of pelvic radiotherapy, e.g. bowel or urinary issues (also known as pelvic radiation disease or PRD)?**
 - a. If so, please give details of:**
 - i. The clinic(s) name and opening times**
 - ii. Annual caseload**
 - iii. The proportion of patients referred direct from oncology**
 - iv. The proportion of patients referred from their GP**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not have a specific clinic in Urology. The UHB's Gastroenterology department does see patients with late gastro-intestinal effects of pelvic radiotherapy. A late effects clinic is also run at Velindre Cancer Care Centre. Please follow the below link for information on this Centre.

<http://www.velindrecc.wales.nhs.uk/home>

- 2. Do your oncology teams have a standardised method of identifying people with PRD for referral (e.g. by asking patients the questions in the ALERT-B tool to support the clinical assessment of patients suitable for referral to a gastroenterologist)?**

The UHB does not hold this information. Under our section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, I would like to advise you that you may wish to contact Velindre Cancer Centre. Further information can be obtained by following this link:

<http://www.velindrecc.wales.nhs.uk/home>

- 3. Does your radiotherapy Centre ensure patients are aware of possible acute and long-term side effects of pelvic radiotherapy before they undergo treatment? If so, how?**

Please refer to question 2.

- 4. Does your radiotherapy Centre offer a range of materials to support with acute or late effects of radiotherapy, e.g. booklets, symptom checklist, toilet cards? If so, what materials do you provide?**

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- 5. Do your gastroenterologists and dieticians use the PRD bowel algorithm, published in 'The Practical Management of the Gastrointestinal Symptoms of**

Pelvic Radiation Disease'? [https://www.macmillan.org.uk/ images/practical-management-gi-symptoms-pelvic-radiation-disease_tcm9-300557.pdf](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/images/practical-management-gi-symptoms-pelvic-radiation-disease_tcm9-300557.pdf)

The UHB use the Royal Marsden/BSG algorithms for patients with both bowel (lower GI) and upper GI symptoms – they are two separate guides.