

Freedom of Information request 329-19

Request

Question 1 – How many adult patients with Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma have you seen / treated (example Surgery, Radiotherapy, Chemotherapy or combinations of these) in the last 6 months?

Question 2 – How many adult patients with locally advanced (patients with Perineural invasion and local Lymphovascular or Bone involvement) or Metastatic Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma (patients with both local and distant Nodal involvement, as well as any other organ involvement) have you seen / treated (example Surgery, Radiotherapy, Chemotherapy or combinations of these) in the last 6 months?

Question 3 – Of these how many are not candidates for Curative surgery or Curative Radiation? *

Question 4 – In the past 6 months, how many adult patients with locally advanced or metastatic Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma have you treated with the following:

Complex surgery only (eg patients with significant comorbidities, large reconstructions or amputations leading to significant loss of function or disfigurement)	
Surgery + Radiotherapy (adjuvant / neoadjuvant)	
Radiotherapy	
Chemotherapy** only	
Chemotherapy** + Radiotherapy	
Surgery + Chemotherapy** (adjuvant / neoadjuvant)	
Other (Please state)	
Palliative Care / Best Supportive Care	

Question 5 – Are you participating in any clinical trials for Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma (CSCC)?
If yes, please state which?

*Example of factors to consider when deciding if locally advanced patients are suitable candidates for surgery: Disease recurrence after two or more surgical procedures and the treating clinicians expected that curative resection would be unlikely

CSCC in a anatomically challenging location where surgery would result in substantial complications or deformity or dysfunction significant local invasion that precludes complete resection

* Example of factors to consider when deciding if locally advanced patients are suitable candidates for radiation:

CSCC in a anatomically challenging location where radiation would be associated with unacceptable toxicity risk in context of the patients overall condition

Clinical judgement that tumour might not respond to RT

Factors / conditions contradicting for RT

Prior treatment with RT for CSCC, and further RT would exceed the threshold of acceptable cumulative does

** Chemotherapy such as Cisplatin, Doxorubicin, 5-Fluorouracil (5-FU), Capecitabine, Topotecan, Methotrexate or Etoposide

Response

NHS Borders does not hold this data, patients with these conditions are treated by NHS Lothian. Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data would be held by the SCAN Audit Office, Department of Clinical Oncology at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **329-19** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.