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You asked

Please provide the following information:

1. The number of patients who have received NHS-funded treatment for cancer (including surgery, radiotherapy and medicines) at your trust who have also received cancer treatment privately at your trust (including directly and through private patient units located on trust premises), providing an annual total for each of the last five financial years.
2. Where cancer treatment was provided privately for patients at your trust in addition to NHS-funded cancer treatment, the total value of treatments received, providing an annual total for each of the last five financial years.
3. Where cancer treatment was provided privately for patients at your trust in addition to NHS-funded cancer treatment, the five cancer treatments that were most commonly provided privately, providing an annual total for each of the last five financial years.
4. Where cancer treatment was provided privately for patients at your trust in addition to NHS-funded cancer treatment, please include a breakdown of patient numbers and value of treatment by type of cancer.
5. The number of patients who have received NHS-funded treatment for cancer (including surgery, radiotherapy and medicines) at your trust who have also received cancer treatment from any private provider, providing an annual total for each of the last five financial years.

Unfortunately due to technical restraints and the amount of manual intervention that would be required, we are unable to provide this information. The work would greatly exceed the 18 hours allocated by the FOI Act 2000.

- The trust's radiotherapy information recording system does not hold private patient detail. Manual lists are kept but we cannot provide assurance that these are comprehensive.
- We are currently unable to identify private patients from the chemotherapy system; to access this information would be complex and extremely time consuming, exceeding the appropriate time limit.

- The Somerset Cancer Register flags private patients by a “patients’ status” description; this description is also used for patients that refuse treatment or are too ill to receive treatment.  
We would have to physically check individuals’ hospital notes for this detail.
- The Head of Nursing for Cancer Care has said that it is unusual for patients to change from NHS treatment to a private provider once on an established cancer pathway at our Trust.