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## Re: Freedom of Information Request - Anal Squamous cell cancer

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

### You Asked for:

I am looking to collate numbers of Anal Squamous Cell Cancers (SCC) per Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) between 2013- 2018.

I would be grateful if you could tell me the number of patients diagnosed with Anal SCC in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 within your CCG.

### Our Response:

Unfortunately, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not hold diagnosis code information sufficiently detailed to narrow down to just anal squamous cell carcinoma. Diagnosis is coded according to ICD-10 (International Classifications of Diseases (Version 10) codes of either C21 "Malignant neoplasm of anus and anal canal" or C445 "Other malignant neoplasms of skin – skin of trunk".

What we have been able to provide is the number of unique patients who attended hospital with a cancer diagnosis meeting one of the above codes (C21 or C445) from 2013/14 onwards. Please note, this does not mean the patient was necessarily diagnosed in that year, they could have been diagnosed prior to 2013/14 or diagnosed in an outpatient setting (where diagnosis recording is not mandatory). Additionally, there is some double-counting where a patient could be reported against both C21 and C445 diagnoses. Whether these were separate instances of cancer or variations in the coding of the same cancer we cannot tell.

	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
C21 diagnosis	11	9	10	17	12	11	4
C445 diagnosis	250	220	211	233	266	255	250

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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