

24 January 2023

Dear

ATISN 17048 – Genome Mapping

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 13 January 2023. You have requested the following:

In 2018, then Health and Social Care Secretary, Matt Hancock, announced the 'ambition to map 5 million genomes' as announced in this link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/matt-hancock-announces-ambition-to-map-5-million-genomes>

In this ambition, it was stated that: 'From 2019, all seriously ill children will be offered whole genome sequencing as part of their care.' AND 'Adults with certain rare diseases or hard-to-treat cancers will also be offered the same option from 2019.'

There are four questions I have based on these statements.

1. *What is the total number of patients in Wales which been successfully mapped?*
2. *What is the total number of adults mapped in Wales?*
3. *What is the total number of patients in Wales mapped as a result of glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) diagnosis?*
4. *What is the total number of patients in Wales mapped as a result of a diagnosed or suspected brain tumour?*

Our Response

The Welsh Government does not hold the information you have requested. Instead, it may be possible to obtain this information from the All Wales Medical Genomics Service, you may wish to contact Sian Morgan: sian.morgan22@wales.nhs.uk

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,