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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Your request sought information relating to the activities of the Wales Gene Park Project.

**I am seeking further and better information in respect of the activities of the Wales Gene Park project as disclosed in the 2017 and 2018 Wales Gene Park Annual Report.**

**In particular the actual **infrastructure support activities** as depicted in Annual report abstract **in red** which can be evidenced in reality and the actual **research activities** undertaken by this Publicly funded group.**

**Wales Gene Park is an infrastructure support group funded by Welsh Government through Health and Care Research Wales. We support research via three work packages and through the provision of technical support, researcher governance and patient recruitment activities associated with several genetics research studies registered on the Health and Care Research Wales Clinical Research Portfolio.**

**The Genomic Facility undertook NGS (next generation sequencing) for 25 research projects from 19 different research groups**

**· Research project governance**

**Wales Gene Park manages the study governance, patient recruitment and curation of study data for three UK Clinical Research Network (UKCRN) / Health and Care Research Wales Portfolio projects in rare disease research. Through banking samples from patients with cancer or rare diseases, we have supported**



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**four laboratory based research projects that aim to improve future NHS diagnostics.**

**In addition the Flowchart of the implementation of the Precision Medicines Strategy for Wales would indicate some metrics, descriptors of outcomes and further measures of value for money and effectiveness of WG spend.**

**Please disclose any or all internal reporting to the Health Secretary of WG and which in turn reports to the Senedd [Wales Assembly/Parliament] to ensure public accountability.**

The Health Board does not hold any information in respect of the information you are seeking. I would suggest contacting the Wales Gene Park directly for information: <http://www.walesgenepark.cardiff.ac.uk/>

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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Yours sincerely



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