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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 14<sup>th</sup> April 202. Your request sought information relating to 5FU Toxicity.

**1. What is the protocol or approach used by the Oncology Specialty in your Health Board since 01/01/2016 to prevent serious or fatal toxicity to 5-FU or capecitabine or tegafur when prescribed for a range of malignancies, particularly breast and gastrointestinal cancers?**

5-FU, capecitabine or tegafur are prescribed with reference to their summaries of product characteristics and local or national guidelines.

Please see the attached health board guidelines for the management of the toxicities of cytotoxic drugs, including the toxicities commonly associated with 5-FU, capecitabine or tegafur. An acute oncology service has been established to improve the management of toxicities of cytotoxic chemotherapy.

A regular morbidity and mortality meeting is held to identify and discuss cases where death occurred within 30 days of administration of systemic anti-cancer therapy or cases associated with serious toxicity.

Swansea Bay Health Board have been working with the All Wales Medical Genomics service to establish dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase deficiency (DPYD) testing for all patients to be treated with 5-FU, capecitabine or tegafur.

**2. How many fatalities or cases of serious toxicity have occurred in your Health Board due to this specific issue since 01/01/2016?**



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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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