



States of
Guernsey

Freedom of Information Request

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Cancer Data

Request:

I hereby request that you kindly provide the following information, please:

1. Number of new cancer diagnoses registered in Guernsey for each of the previous 5 years up to and including 2022.
2. Number of deaths due primarily to cancer registered in Guernsey for the same period, and
3. Number of known cancer cases registered in Guernsey, again for the same period (i.e. 2018 to 2022).

Response provided by The Committee *for* Health & Social Care:

1. **Number of new cancer diagnoses registered in Guernsey for each of the previous 5 years up to and including 2022**

The total number of cancer diagnosis from January 2017- January 2022 was requested under the Freedom of Information Code in July 2022 and the data published in August 2022 on [Freedom of Information - States of Guernsey \(gov.gg\)](https://www.gov.gg/freedom-of-information).

Data for 2022 is still being processed and not yet available.

2. **Number of deaths due primarily to cancer registered in Guernsey for the same period**

This data is not available at this time. However, the Cancer Services Report 2022 and Public Health's Mortality Report will soon be due for publication on <https://www.gov.gg>, with the latter having numerous indicators relating to cancer mortality for the period 2019-21, including:

- Proportion of all-age deaths where the underlying cause is neoplasms (cancers) (includes trends back to 2001-3)
- Proportion of working-age deaths where the underlying cause is neoplasms
- Proportion of deaths in people aged over 75 where underlying cause of death is neoplasms
- Proportion of deaths for males and females where underlying cause of death is neoplasms
- Age-standardised rate of deaths from cancer
- Age-standardised rate of years of life and years of working life lost due to cancer
- Average number of deaths per year from selected cancers
- Avoidable, preventable and treatable mortality from cancer
- Place of death where underlying cause of death is cancer
- Smoking related deaths from cancer

3. Number of known cancer cases registered in Guernsey, again for the same period (i.e. 2018 to 2022).

HSC does not maintain a register of how many people are living with cancer in the Bailiwick to know how many cases of known cancers there are at any one time.

Individual Primary Care practices may be able to provide some information depending on how they code cancer patients and review coding for those whose cancer has resolved.