

Table 3. Total costs of palliative treatment options per patient

Treatment	Cost	
	1 cycle	6 cycles
Chemotherapy		
Carboplatin 3 weekly (AUC5) at 600 mg plus paclitaxel weekly at 80 mg/m ² *	[commercial in confidence data removed]	[commercial in confidence data removed]
Radiotherapy		
20 Gy in 5 fractions†	£2,060	
60 Gy in 30 fractions†	£6,546	

* Calculated using a body surface area of 1.8m². List price used for carboplatin, confidential NHS Wales contract price used for paclitaxel. Costs include VAT and administration costs; 2020-2021 National Schedule of Reference Costs: assumes 'Deliver Simple Parenteral Chemotherapy at first attendance' (HRG code SB12Z) for the first cycle, followed by 'Deliver Subsequent Elements of a Chemotherapy Cycle' for each subsequent cycle (HRG code SB15Z)

† Calculated from 2020-21 National Schedule of Reference Costs: Preparation for Simple Radiotherapy with Imaging and Dosimetry (SC45Z); Deliver a Fraction of Treatment on a Megavoltage Machine (HGR code SC22Z)