

We have already commented on the difficulty of obtaining accurate statistics for Mesothelioma and have stated some reasons why. However we did not mention that in South Wales after death a number of Mesothelioma cases are left as 'Open Verdict'. This is because the Pathologist disputes the asbestos fibre count, despite biopsy evidence and staining of the tissue. I am unsure whether the HSE take these figures into account when reporting the incidence of Mesothelioma in Wales but we feel it is worthwhile commenting upon for the Technology Appraisal of Pemetrexed.