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Swansea Bay University  
Health Board

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019. Your request sought information relating to radiology reporting outsourcing.

Please note that since we received your request for information, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 responsibility for providing healthcare services for people in the Bridgend County Borough Council area transferred from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board to Cwm Taf University Health Board. In light of this change to ABMU's responsibilities, the organisation's name has changed to Swansea Bay University Health Board.

- 1. Does your Health Board Outsource Radiology Reporting (Diagnosis)?, if yes which Reporting Houses do they use?**  
Radiology Reporting online (Everlight) and Fusion
- 2. In the last financial year what % of Radiology Reporting (Diagnosis) has been outsourced to companies such as 4ways, Medica, Everlight and Telemedicine.**

To obtain a percentage figure of reports outsourced to companies would involve trawling through electronic systems to establish the total number or reports carried out. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records, which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to



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deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**3. What was the total spend in the last financial year for the outsourcing of Radiology Reporting (Diagnosis)**

£190,553

**4. Has the Health Board previously used the Health Trust Europe (HTE) Framework to purchase services within the Health Board.**

Yes

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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