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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Your request sought information relating to addiction to tranquilisers.

Please note that 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. The number of children – under the age of 18 – being treated for addiction to tranquilisers for the financial years 2015-16, 2016-2017, 2017-18 and 2018-19.**

I can confirm that Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board hosts the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS). This service provides specialist mental health services to children and young people. CAMHS provides community mental health services for 1.2million people, covering the areas of Merthyr, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Cardiff and Vale, Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea. Therefore, please contact the Information Governance Team at Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board, Ynysmeurig House, Navigation Park, Abercynon, CF45 4SN, Email: [freedomofinformation@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@wales.nhs.uk), who will be able to assist you with your enquiry.

**2. Please breakdown and detail which drug they were having treatment Such as Xanax – the brand name for the drug alprazolam.**

Not applicable – see Q1.



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Swansea Bay University Health Board is the operational name of Swansea Bay University Local Health Board

**3. Please break down (for each year) and each drug how many of these children were under the age of 10 – under the age of five, under the age of 10, under the age of 15 and under the age of 18?**

Not applicable – see Q1.

**4. For the same years please can you detail how many people – under the age of 25 – have been treated for addiction to tranquilisers broken down via drug.**

This information is not held centrally. Therefore to obtain this information for 18-25 years old, would involve a manual trawl and search of patient 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 deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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