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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 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019. Your request sought information relating to methylene blue dye.

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 Morgannwg University Health Board. In light of this change to ABMU's responsibilities, the organisation's name has changed to Swansea Bay University Health Board. However as this response relates to 2018/19 we have provided the information that ABMU Health Board held which will include Bridgend data.

**1. Please could I kindly request information in respect of the volume per annum of methylene blue dye that you purchase for example, Blue Marker, Patent Blue for use as a surgical dye.**

Total usage of the products for 2018/19 are listed below – we are unable to specify the intended indication for its use:

- Methylthioninium chloride (Proveblue) 50mg in 10ml Injection - 382 boxes
- Patent Blue V Sodium 2.5% Injection - 751 boxes

**2. Could you provide information on which surgical specialties use methylene blue as a surgical dye?**

Gynaecology  
Breast/Plastics Surgery  
Parathyroid surgery



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Yours sincerely



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