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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 23rd May 2019. Your request sought information relating to hair loss.

Please note that from 1st 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. As you have asked for data in the previous financial year, this will be ABMU Health Board which will include Bridgend.

1. The number of patients who received wigs and hair-loss appliances fully or partially on prescription in your health board area in the last financial year (2018/19) due to treatment for cancer and other illnesses.

409 patients

2. The breakdown of this figure by gender.

Male 6

Female 403

3. The details of the types of support available to patients who suffering hair loss as a result of treatment for cancer and other illness in your health board area.

The Chemotherapy Day Unit at Singleton Hospital is a nurse led unit, with highly trained specialist chemotherapy nurses. Support is provided through all levels of



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care and pre-assessments are an opportunity for patients to discuss any concerns they have, including potential hair loss.

Consultants will also agree with the patient regarding appropriate use of scalp cooling, but if anyone is to receive a regime where hair loss will occur, they are provided with a wig referral form. This support is the same for both women and men.

There are also written patients information leaflets provided on hair loss and scalp cooling.

4. Are there any services in your area designed specifically for men?

See Question 3.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely

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