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

**1a) Please could you provide the total number of ECT *treatments* provided by the health board for the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (to date)**

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 (to date)
350	316	291	157	151

**1b) Please could you provide the total number of individual *patients* who received at least one course of ECT treatment for the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (to date)**

2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 (to date)
32	35	25	18	21

**2a) Please could you provide the total number of patients who *voluntarily* had at least one course of ECT treatment for the following years: 2015,**



**2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (to date)**

<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019 (to date)</b>
22	17	11	11	12

**2b) Please could you provide the total number of patients who had at least one course of ECT treatment under a *Section 2 Order* for the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (to date)**

<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019 (to date)</b>
<5	<5	<5	0	0

**2c) Please could you provide the total number of patients who had at least one course of ECT treatment under a *Section 3 Order* for the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (to date)**

<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019 (to date)</b>
6	10	12	7	<5

**2d) Please could you provide the total number of patients who had at least one course of ECT treatment *without giving consent because they were deemed to be "lacking capacity"* to for the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (to date)**

<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019 (to date)</b>
<5	11	8	7	<5

Please note for questions 2b, 2c and 2d, where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.



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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