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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 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. Your request sought information relating to Sativex prescriptions. We have provided data broken down by financial year.

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 asks for data prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, we have provided the information that ABMU Health Board held which will include Bridgend data.

- **How many patients have been prescribed Sativex since 2014 by your health board? I would like this to be broken up into figures for each year since 2014 – preferably with each year's data starting from August or the earliest date in which prescriptions were recorded. If this is not possible I'm happy to receive it as calendar or financial year, but please specify which is supplied.**

We do not hold these figures centrally, so to obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of individual GP 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.



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However, we have provided total units prescribed (within both primary and secondary care) for this product for each financial year:

<b>2014-15</b>	65
<b>2015-16</b>	129
<b>2016-17</b>	184
<b>2017-18</b>	241
<b>2018-19</b>	266
<b>2019-Sept '19</b>	172

- **If possible I would also like to know how much is spent on Sativex in each of the corresponding calendar/financial years by your health board.**

<b>2014-15</b>	£5,850
<b>2015-16</b>	£20,800
<b>2016-17</b>	£36,100
<b>2017-18</b>	£56,950
<b>2018-19</b>	£72,700
<b>2019-Sept '19</b>	£42,850

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. a. Wenger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pam Wenger  
**Director of Corporate Governance**

