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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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Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 19-J-005



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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 3rd October 2019. Your request sought information relating to referral to treatment waiting times.

I am currently investigating historic referral to treatment waiting time data in the NHS. I was wondering if you could provide me with the monthly number of completed pathways for each treatment function broken down by the number of weeks taken for your local health board for both admitted and non-admitted patients. I am looking to get data for every month between April 2013 and March 2019.

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, an organisation does not have to respond to a request if the information being sought is reasonably accessible to the applicant by another means. The Health Board has applied this exemption to your request as the information you are seeking is available in the public domain. Section 21 is absolute and therefore does not require a public interest test.

To comply with our obligation under Section 16 of the Act, the duty to provide help and assistance, you will find the information you require by accessing the following link to the Stats Wales website: https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/NHS-Hospital-Waiting-Times/Referral-to-Treatment

Please note: The information is not split between admitted and non-admitted patients as closed pathways are always set to 9 (NHS Wales Data Dictionary Stage of Pathway Definition: Not applicable – e.g. closed pathway.) Should you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request please contact me directly at the address below or register your complaint via FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely

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