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██████████,

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019. Your request sought information relating to allergy-related hospital admissions.

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

**1. How many allergy-related hospital admissions did you see in each year between 2008, and 2018?**

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
123	113	95	107	111	134	110	121	149	193	232

These figures relate to admissions over our four main sites – Morryston, Singleton, Neath Port Talbot and Princess of Wales Hospitals.

**2. If possible, please provide a breakdown of how many of these cases were related to food.**



2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
22	34	19	22	21	27	30	27	25	27	22

Please note that these figures relate to reaction types T78.0 (Anaphylactic shock due to adverse food reaction) and T78.1 (Other adverse food reactions, not elsewhere classified) only.

**3. If possible, please produce a breakdown of how many of these cases related to under-12s, and under 19s.**

a) A breakdown of the total admissions (Q1) by age.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<12	53	32	27	34	40	57	54	47	41	54	65
12-18	16	24	<5	17	16	16	9	9	9	19	13

b) A breakdown of food-related cases (Q2) by age.

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<12	12	11	14	11	13	22	24	19	18	19	12
12-18	<5	11	Nil	5	<5	<5	<5	<5	Nil	<5	<5

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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