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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 18th September 2019. Your request sought information relating to Multiple Sclerosis.

1. In your Health Board how many patients have a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis (MS), regardless of whether they are currently having treatment?

This information is not held centrally within the Health Board. This data would be held by GP practices within Primary Care.

2. Of these MS patients, how many have been diagnosed with relapsing (RMS) or primary progressive (PPMS) MS?

See Q1

3. How many patients with Multiple Sclerosis have been treated with disease modifying drugs in the last 6 months. If you could, please include all patients whose treatment is ongoing, even those with infrequent dosing schedules (e.g. patients treated with Lemtrada, Mavenclad, Ocrevus). Could you please provide the total number of patients being treated with the following drugs:

Aubagio (teriflunomide)	<5
Avonex (interferon beta-1a)	12
Betaferon (interferon beta-1b)	<5
Brabio (glatiramer acetate)	0
Copaxone (glatiramer acetate)	24
Extavia (beta interferon-1b)	0
Gilenya (fingolimod)	26
Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)	<5



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Mavenclad (cladribine)	6
Ocrevus (Ocrelizumab)	76
Plegridy (Peginterferon beta-1a)	28
Rebif (beta interferon-1a)	5
Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate)	56
Tysabri (natalizumab)	43
Zinbryta (daclizumab)	0
Ampyra (Fampyra)	11
Ozanimod	0

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.

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Yours sincerely



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