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I refer to your further query in relation to our Freedom of Information Act response which was sent to you on 15th October 2019. You queried our response to Q6 as you felt we had misinterpreted the question. You were asking for all IPFR requests regardless of treatment. Thank you for clarifying this for us. Please see below an amended response in relation to Q6. Also on reviewing the original response we sent you, it has come to light that Q2, Q3, Q4 & 5 were incorrect and we had interpreted this as you wanting IPFR requests as well as Prior Approval requests. We apologise for this error.

Patients who require referral for deaf mental health treatment/talking therapies are not subject to Individual Patient Funding Requests (IPFR). IPFR relates to treatments that not normally available on the NHS and therefore not routinely funded.

Within Swansea Bay Health Board, we have a process of Prior Approval which are requests for treatments that ARE routinely funded, such as the mental health provision we provide to patients with hearing loss and this is what we provided in our response to you dated 15th October 2019.

Please see below our revised response.

1. **Do you fund talking therapies for deaf patients? Please answer, yes or no.**
Yes.
2. **How many individual funding requests (IFR) have you received regarding mental health treatment for British Sign Language users and separately, patients who are registered deaf and/or has hearing loss?**
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b. For each of those groups, how many of the IFR requests were accepted and denied?

Not applicable

c. For each request that was denied, what were the reason(s) why given at the independent panel?

Not applicable

3. Which clinical provision(s) were requested on each IFR application form in connection to Q.2?

Not applicable

4. For each IFR application in connection to Q2, please list the patients' ages at the time of submission; gender; and ethnicity.

Not applicable

5. Please could you list the name(s) of any organisation(s) patients were referred to for treatment?

Not applicable

6. How many IFR applications, for all patients, were accepted and denied each year by your Local Health Board?

	April 15 to March 16	April 16 to March 17	April 17 to March 18	April 18 to March 19
Approved	27	20	9	13
Declined	28	15	17	7

7. Which mental health services commissioned by your Local Health Board are fully accessible to BSL users? Please give details.

All mental health services are accessible to BSL users, we would engage BSL interpreters if required.

8. Which service providers are all patients generally referred to under your Local Health Board for psychological therapies/ mental health treatment?

The Health Board provides its own psychological therapy services, within the Mental Health Directorate.

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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