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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 24th September 2019. Your request sought information relating to bowel preparation for colonoscopies.

You asked us;

1. What is the first line bowel preparation laxative that is offered to patients undergoing colonoscopy?

MoviPrep

2. Do you offer any alternative bowel preparation laxatives for patients undergoing colonoscopy?

Yes – see below

3. How many patients received each bowel preparation laxative between 1st Jan 2018 - 1st Jan 2019?

Preparation	Procedure Count
Enema	6
Fleet	7
Klean-Prep	21
MoviPrep	1582
Picolax	3568
Other/not known	67



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4. What were the number of patients receiving each bowel preparation laxative who had inadequate bowel preparation between 1st Jan 2018 - 1st Jan 2019?

Preparation	Poor	Unacceptable
Enema	<5	<5
Fleet	<5	0
Klean-Prep	<5	5
MoviPrep	100	40
Picolax	239	79
Not Known	0	0
Other	6	<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.

5. Are patients undergoing colonoscopy advised to take the bowel preparation at a single time or split over two different times?

Split over two different times

6. During the period of 1st Jan 2018 - 1st Jan 2019, what times were patients advised to consume the bowel preparation for a morning colonoscopy appointment?

5pm and 8pm

7. During the period of 1st Jan 2018 - 1st Jan 2019, what times were patients advised to consume the bowel preparation for an afternoon colonoscopy appointment?

3pm and 7pm

8. During the period of 1st Jan 2018 - 1st Jan 2019, what times were patients advised to consume the bowel preparation for an evening colonoscopy appointment?

Not applicable – evening appointments are not offered.

9. Are patient's advised to consume a particular diet prior to their colonoscopy? If so what diet are they advised to consume? How many days are they advised to consume it for?

Patients are asked to follow a low-fibre diet for 2 days prior to their procedure. The day before they can have a light lunch but then can consume clear fluids only.



10. Do any of your patients attend a specific pre assessment clinic after they are referred for colonoscopy, but before they attend on the day of their endoscopy to receive more detailed endoscopy information? What is the criteria for referral to this pre assessment clinic?

No

11. How many patients are seen in this pre assessment clinic between 1st Jan 2018 - 1st Jan 2019?

Not applicable

12. How many colonoscopies did you perform in the last year (1st Jan 2018 - 1st Jan 2019)

5245

13. During the period of 1st Jan 2018 - 1st Jan 2019:

a) How many patients were documented as having excellent bowel preparation?

1093

b) What was the polyp detection rate in patient with excellent bowel preparation?

This information is not held centrally, and would involve a manual trawl and search of 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.

c) How many patients were documented as having good bowel preparation?

2585

d) What was the polyp detection rate in patient with good bowel preparation?

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e) How many patients were documented as having fair bowel preparation?

1095

f) What was the polyp detection rate in patient with fair bowel preparation?

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time.

g) How many patients were documented as having inadequate bowel preparation?

As the Health Board categorises bowel prep as Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor and Unacceptable, we have provided both Poor and Unacceptable results.

Poor – 352

Unacceptable - 126

h) What was the polyp detection rate in patient with inadequate bowel preparation?

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14.

a) How many patients had a morning appointment during the period of 1st Jan 2018 - 1st Jan 2019?

2994

b) How many patients who had a morning appointment during the period of 1st Jan 2018 - 1st Jan 2019 had inadequate bowel prep?

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c) How many patients had an afternoon appointment during the period of 1st Jan 2018 - 1st Jan 2019?

2225

d) How many patients who had an afternoon appointment during the period of 1st Jan 2018 - 1st Jan 2019 had inadequate bowel prep?

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e) How many patients had an evening appointment during the period of 1st Jan 2018 - 1st Jan 2019?

Not applicable – evening appointments are not offered



f) How many patients who had an evening appointment during the period of 1st Jan 2018 - 1st Jan 2019 had inadequate bowel prep?

Not applicable – evening appointments are not offered

15. If a patient has a repeat colonoscopy due to inadequate bowel preparation, do you have a specific bowel preparation regime for those patients? If so what is it?

No – another preparation would be tried and patients would be advised on diet for the day prior to the repeat colonoscopy.

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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