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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

Dyddiad/Date: 7th October 2020 Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 20-H-032



Corporate Services Headquarters 1 Talbot Gateway Baglan Port Talbot, SA12 7BR



I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 20th August 2020. Your request sought information relating to Cauda Equina claims.

I would like to know the number of claims with 'Cauda Equina' in the Incident Description field for the following years; 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019

You clarified on the 28th September 2020 that you are only looking for numbers of "confirmed" claims.

2015/2016 - 0 claims

2016/2017 - <5* confirmed claims

2017/2018 - <5* confirmed claims

2018/2019 - 0 claims

* Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of claims 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.



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

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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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