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Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Your request sought information relating to Endoscopy.

Please note that from 1st 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 this response asks for data prior to 1st April 2019, we have provided the information that ABMU Health Board held which will include Bridgend data.

**From the 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019 in your Health Board:**

**1. How many endoscopists were employed?**

Role Type	Count
Gastro	17
Surgeon	35
Other	13
Total	65

**2. How many endoscopists were colorectal surgeons, upper gastrointestinal surgeons, gastroenterologists or nurse endoscopists? Please include any**



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**details of any other groups of endoscopists that we have not mentioned above.**

Please see question 1.

Please note that we have categorised the job roles as Surgeons, Gastro, Consultant, Other (insourcing etc.) it is not possible to split the surgeons by lower and upper etc due to the way our systems record information.

- 3. For each group of endoscopist listed above (ie colorectal surgeons, upper gastrointestinal surgeons, gastroenterologists, nurse endoscopists, etc) :**  
**a. How many endoscopy lists were performed in total by each group in the 12 month period?**

	<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Gastro</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Physician</b>	<b>Surgeon</b>
Colonoscopy	62	984	339	2	734
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	17	572	181	0	573
Upper Gi Endoscopy	69	1207	280	0	858

- b. What procedures (ie oesophagogastroduodenoscopy (OGD), colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy etc) and how many procedures were performed by each group in the 12 month period?**

<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Consultant</b>	<b>Gastro</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Surgeon</b>
Colonoscopy	187	2085	1347	1842
Flexible Sigmoidoscopy	19	828	259	1156
Upper Gi Endoscopy	166	3111	754	3298

- 4. How many endoscopy procedures were performed in theatres and what were these procedures?**

Please note that the figures provided below are for individual procedures carried out at Neath Port Talbot, Morriston and Singleton Hospital's theatres - not patient numbers. Some patients may have been seen more than once therefore will be counted as such.

<b>Operation</b>	<b>Number</b>
Diag.Endo.Exam/Lower Bowel Using Fibreoptic Sigmoidosco	60
Diag.Endo.Exam/Sigmoid Colon Using Rigid Sigmoidoscope	21
Diag.Endoscopic Exam/Oesophagus Using Rigid Oesophagosc	59
Diagnostic Endoscopic Examination Of Colon	27
Diagnostic Endoscopic Examination Of Duodenum	<5*
Diagnostic Endoscopic Examination Of Enteric Pouch Usin	<5*
Diagnostic Fibreoptic Endoscopic Exam/Upper Gastrointe	139
Diagnostic Fibreoptic Endoscopic Examination/Oesophagus	8
Endo.Extirp/Lesion/Lower Bowel Using Fibreoptic Sigmoi	6
Endo.Extirp/Lesion/Sigmoid Colon Using Rigid Sigmoidosc	<5*
Endoscopic Extirpation Of Lesion Of Colon	<5*



Endoscopic Extirpation/Lesion/Oesophagus Using Rigid Oe	<5*
Fibreoptic Endoscopic Extirpation/Lesion Of Oesophagus	31
Fibreoptic Endoscopic Extirpation/Lesion/Upper Gastroin	<5*
Open Endoscopic Operations On Colon	<5*
Other Fibreoptic Therapeutic Endoscopic Ops On Upper G	16
Other Therapeutic Endo.Operations/Lower Bowel Using Fib	<5*
Other Therapeutic Endoscopic Ops/Oesophagus Using Rigid	10
Other Therapeutic Fibreoptic Endoscopic Operations/Oeso	81
Therapeutic Endoscopic Operations On Duodenum	<5*
Therapeutic Endoscopic Operations On Jejunum	<5*

**5. How many endoscopy procedures were performed in the radiology department, what were these procedures and who performed them (ie colorectal surgeons, gastroenterologists etc)?**

Swansea Bay Health Board do not carry out Endoscopies in our Radiology Department – they are all performed in Endoscopy.

\*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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