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Corporate Services
Headquarters
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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 18th December 2020. Your request sought information relating to historic prescriptions.

You had contacted Cwm Taf University Health Board and asked for the total number of items and quantities prescribed/dispensed in Wales for alprazolam/Xanax broken down by tablet strength (250mcg/500mcg), year (calendar or financial), and whether primary, secondary or tertiary care, for the period since 2000.

Cwm Taf had responded to you and explained that due to the boundary change on the 1st April 2019 that they would not hold information for the Bridgend area prior to this date. Prior to 1st April 2019, the Bridgend area would have fallen under the predecessor organisation – Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University (ABMU) Health Board.

Therefore you have requested from us the same information, for the period prior to 2019 for ABMU Health Board area.

You clarified on the 21st December 2020 that you just wanted the information for the Bridgend area only.

Please note that the health board systems used by our Pharmacy department do not hold information prior to 2012.

Therefore please find below the number of items dispensed for Secondary Care (Princess of Wales hospital). Primary Care information for this area and period would



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be accessible to, and held by, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board.

Product	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Alprazolam 250mcg Tablets (60 tablet pack)	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alprazolam 500mcg Tablets (60 tablet pack)	0	0	8	<5	0	<5	0

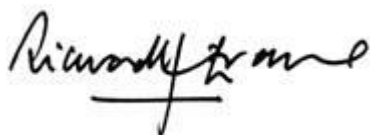
Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of packs dispensed as individual packs would be issued to individual patients, and due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding 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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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



On behalf of

Pam Wenger
Director of Corporate Governance

