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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020. Your request sought information relating to cervical cancer and smear tests.

**1. How many invitation letters for cervical smear tests were sent out each year for the last five years (2015-2020 inclusive, if possible)?**

I can confirm that Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold this information. Cervical smear tests are organised and coordinated via Cervical Screening Wales (part of Public Health Wales) and this information would be held by their organisation. You can contact Public Health Wales' Freedom of Information team on [foi.phw@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.phw@wales.nhs.uk) and they may be able to assist you with your query.

**2. With the same stipulations regarding years/ medical facilities, how many people were these letters sent to each year?**

You clarified on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 that you would like the number of individuals letters were sent to, not the number of letters sent.

Please see question 1.

**3. Again with the same stipulations regarding years/ medical facilities how many of these people were transgender men (men who were born with female anatomy and have since birth undergone gender surgery)?**

Please see question 1.



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Swansea Bay University Health Board is the operational name of Swansea Bay University Local Health Board

**4. What data is collected and/or stored by the board or to the board's knowledge regarding cervical cancer patients? Is any data collected and/or regarding gender and gender at birth? If so what data is collected and/ or stored?**

You clarified on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 that you would like to know if SBU record the birth gender of cervical cancer patients or is it aware of others doing so.

There is no data specifically collected for the purposes of analysing birth gender for cervical cancer patients by SBU. Gender is recorded in patient notes and on the All Wales Cancer database (Canisc) in accordance with the NHS Wales data dictionary definitions as below;

	Reporting Data Item	Business Justification	Definition	Permissible Values
			Note: Where 'NHS Wales Data Dictionary' the definition is as per the Data Dictionary.	
1. IDENTIFICATION OF PATIENT				
1.2 ENCDv4.5b (1.9)	Sex	Used for unique identification to match records from different providers. Used to enable sex to be established for survival analysis. Assists in the correct identification of gender specific primary cancer sites.	This is the sex of person, employee or patient.	NHS Wales Data Dictionary
SPCDv1.0 - 1.3				<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Male</li></ul>
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Female</li></ul>
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Not specified</li></ul>

**5. What data is collected and/ or stored by the board or to the board's knowledge regarding the prevalence of cervical cancer among transgender men (men who were born with female anatomy)?**

There is no data specifically collected for the purposes of analysing prevalence of cervical cancer amongst transgender men by SBU. Gender is recorded in patient notes and on the All Wales Cancer database (Canisc) in accordance with the NHS Wales data dictionary definitions as above.

**6. What data is collected and/ or stored by the board or to the board's knowledge regarding the percentage of transgender men (men who were born with female anatomy) who are invited for cervical cancer smear tests?**

Please see question 1.

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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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



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Yours sincerely



***On behalf of***

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