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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 3rd February 2020. Your request sought information relating to iron infusions.

Please note Iron Infusions are carried out at our Medical Day Units (MDU) within Singleton and Neath Port Talbot hospitals as and when they are required. The information we have provided is for calendar year 2019.

1. How many patients have received an iron infusion in the last 12 months?

Singleton MDU - 234

Neath Port Talbot MDU - 344

2. How many patients have been treated with Monofer and how many with Ferinject?

The first line drug of choice is Monofer for Iron Infusions, Ferinject is used only if Monofer cannot be used for clinical reasons.

To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of patient 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.



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3. What was the average weight of these patients?

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4. How many patients required more than 1 gram of iron?

Dosage of iron is dependent on the patient's weight amongst other factors, so to obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of patient 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.

5. How many nurses and for what days and hours are your Iron infusion clinics available?

We have no specific days and hours for Iron Infusion Clinics within Swansea Bay Health Board.

Singleton MDU – Currently 3.4 qualified and 1 unqualified nursing staff.

Neath Port Talbot MDU – Currently 4 qualified and 1.8 unqualified nursing staff.

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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