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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 erectile dysfunction (ED).

Under the Freedom of Information Act, could you please provide the following information for each the last five calendar years (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019), broken down by year:

For 1, 2 and 3, can you provide the age of the youngest patient/patients assessed/referred/prescribed medication for each year.

- 1. The number of patients given an initial assessment for erectile dysfunction (ED) or distress arising from ED in your health board area, broken down in the following way with regards to their age - 16-24, 25-40, 40-60, 60 plus.**

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. This would also be the case where you have asked for the youngest patient. 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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Year	Age range			
	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+
2015	<5	14	80	85
2016	6	27	79	76
2017	<5	26	84	91
2018	5	20	75	113
2019	5	16	54	68

2. **The number of patients referred to specialist teams after presenting with suspected erectile dysfunction or distress arising from ED, broken down in the following way with regards to their age - 16-24, 25-40, 40-60, 60 plus. You clarified on 19.02.20 that specialist teams would include – erectile dysfunction clinics, psychosexual clinics, counselling and sexual therapy.**

This information is not held centrally. Our ED service is run as an MDT with clinics being for erectile dysfunction only, with counsellor and technical support included in the multi-disciplinary approach.

3. **The number of patients prescribed medication or some other treatment for erectile dysfunction, broken down in the following way with regards to their age - 16-24, 25-40, 40-60, 60 plus.**

The number of patients prescribed medication would not be held centrally. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of 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.

We can provide overall item numbers (i.e. number of prescriptions) for medication used to treat erectile dysfunction within primary care for the requested years, as below.

Year	Items
2015 (Jan-Dec)	34,243
2016 (Jan-Dec)	36,347
2017 (Jan-Dec)	38,109
2018 (Jan-Dec)	40,725
2019 (Jan-Nov)	38,713

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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