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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 5th February 2020. Your request sought information relating to Multiple Sclerosis.

Please note that the figures below relate to period 01.08.19 – 31.01.20

1. In your Health Board how many patients have a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis (MS), regardless of whether they are currently on treatment?

1950 patients

2. Of these MS patients, how many have been diagnosed with relapsing (RRMS), primary progressive (PPMS) or secondary progressive (SPMS) MS;

This information is not held centrally within the Health Board. This data would be held within individual patient records in GP practices within Primary Care.

3. How many patients with Multiple Sclerosis have been treated with disease modifying drugs in the past 6 months? Please include all patients whose treatment is ongoing, even those with infrequent dosing schedules (e.g. Lemtrada, Mavenclad, Ocrevus). Please provide the total number of patients by treatment for the following disease modifying drugs:

Please note that these figures are for patients with MS in general – we are not able to break down by type of MS i.e. RRMS, PPMS or SPMS.



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Aubagio (teriflunomide) - <5*
Avonex (interferon beta-1a) - 13
Betaferon (interferon beta-1b) - <5*
Brabio (glatiramer acetate) - 0
Copaxone (glatiramer acetate) - 22
Extavia (beta interferon-1b) - 0
Gilenya (fingolimod) - 25
Lemtrada (alemtuzumab) - <5*
Mavenclad (cladribine) - 12
Mayzent (siponimod) - 0
Ocrevus (ocrelizumab) - 112
Plegridy (peginterferon beta-1a) - 28
Rebif (beta interferon-1a) - 6
Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate) - 54
Tysabri (natalizumab) - 47
Vumerity (diroximel fumarate) - 0
Zinbryta (daclizumab) - 0
Ampyra (fampyra) - 11
Ozanimod - 0

4. Of the patients who are receiving Ocrevus (Ocrelizumab), how many are primary progressive (PPMS)? If unknown, please state unknown.

Please see question 2.

5. How many patients have been treated with these drugs in the past 6 months, regardless of diagnosis? You clarified on 27th February 2020 that this referenced patients with *any type of MS*.

Please see question 3.

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*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.

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Yours sincerely



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