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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 7th February 2020. Your request sought information relating to opioids.

Over the last five years, or if later than five years from whenever records were kept, how many people were prescribed an opioid within your health board area?

This information is not held centrally but within the individual GP practices. GPs are independent contractors and are not employees of the Health Board, therefore we would not hold this information. Our website provides contact details for all GP practices with their preferred contact route and links to their individual websites: <https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/community-services/gps-dentists-pharmacies-etc/gps/>

However, we are able to provide you with the number of prescriptions generated within primary care for opioids. Please see the table below;

Year	Items
2015	186,822
2016	195,574
2017	196,436
2018	199,057
2019 (to 30/11)	181,948



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1. Also, please could you provide a year by year breakdown of the figures?

Please see question 1.

2. How many people have been taking a prescribed opioid for more than:

Please see question 1.

a. Three Years?

b. Five Years?

c. Ten Years?

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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