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

Dyddiad/Date: 3rd February 2020 Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 20-A-013



Corporate Services
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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 13th January 2020. Your request sought information relating to top-up payments.

- 1) How many patients have made 'Top-Up Payments' to the Health Board to receive medication not available on the NHS i.e. not approved by NICE or AWMSG? Please provide figures for the last 3 financial years, breaking down by year.
- 2) How much money has the Health Board received via 'Top-Up Payments' for medication not available on the NHS i.e. not approved by NICE or AWMSG? Please provide figures for the last 3 financial years, breaking down by year.

We are unable to provide you with the level of detail you are seeking as there is a potential risk of identifying the individual if this was disclosed due to low numbers of patients involved. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under 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. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. 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.

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request please contact me directly at the address below or register your complaint via FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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

On behalf of Pam Wenger

Director of Corporate Governance