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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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Your request sought information relating to plastic aprons.

**1. The total amount of money the health board spend on medical plastic aprons during the financial year 2014-2015**

£89,851.00

**2. The total amount of money the health board spend on medical plastic aprons during the financial year 2015-2016**

£101,041.00

**3. The total amount of money the health board spend on medical plastic aprons during the financial year 2016-2017**

£99,456.00

**4. The total amount of money the health board spend on medical plastic aprons during the financial year 2017-2018**

£93,295.00

**5. The total amount of money the health board spend on medical plastic aprons during the financial year 2018-2019**

£95,294.00

**6. Do members of the public visiting your hospitals and other premises have to wear plastic aprons and gloves at certain times, and in certain areas?**

Visitors will be informed by the staff looking after them if there are any



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precautions they need to take which may include the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) this may include gloves, aprons or other types of PPE. This may be required when visiting someone with a Healthcare Associated Infection.

## **7. What's your policy on wearing plastic aprons?**

Swansea Bay University Health Board follow the National Infection Control Manual. The policy states the following:

Aprons must be:

- Worn to protect uniform or clothes when contamination is anticipated/likely e.g. when in direct care contact with a patient and;
- Changed between patients and/or following completion of a procedure or task.

## **8. If you do have a policy – when was this policy introduced?**

We have always had an Infection Prevention and Control policy which included the use of plastic aprons. The most recent version is the National Infection Control Manual was adopted by Swansea Bay University Health Board in December 2019.

## **9. What is the medical justification used?**

The National Infection Control Manual is based upon the Standard Infection Control Precautions Literature Review: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Aprons/Gowns (2015). This can be found by clicking on the link below:

[https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2604/documents/1\\_sicp-lr-gowns-v2.0.pdf](https://hpspubsrepo.blob.core.windows.net/hps-website/nss/2604/documents/1_sicp-lr-gowns-v2.0.pdf)

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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Yours sincerely



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**Director of Corporate Governance**

