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Health Board

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Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 22nd June 2020. Your request sought information relating to falls.

You clarified on the 29th June 2020 that you would like the information relating to inpatient falls only.

Please note that from 1st April 2019 responsibility for providing healthcare services for people in the Bridgend County Borough Council area transferred from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board to Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board. In light of this change to ABMU's responsibilities, the organisation's name has changed to Swansea Bay University Health Board. However as this response asks for data prior to 1st April 2019, we have provided the information that ABMU Health Board held which will include Bridgend data.

1. I am looking for the total number of falls sorted by hospital from the last 5 years

Please note that we have provided data for the period 01.07.15 to 30.06.20. These incidents are recorded via the Health Board's Datix Management System under the category of slip, trip or fall. We record our incidents by Unit, not specifically by hospital, as a patient can be an inpatient in an area other than a hospital (e.g. a residential unit or mental health facility).

Hospital/Unit	Falls
Caswell Clinic	38
Cefn - y - Afon	<5*



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Cefn Coed Hospital	1089
Coity Clinic	<5*
CRT Therapy	<5*
Glanrhyd Hospital	304
Gorseinon Hospital	371
LD Directorate Bases	<5*
Learning Disability Tier 2 Services	15
Learning Disability Tier 3 Services	137
Maesteg Hospital (Community)	105
Morrison Hospital	4054
Neath Port Talbot Hospital	1835
Laurels and Briary - Cardiff	<5*
Princess of Wales Hospital	2382
Residential Unit	<5*
Singleton Hospital	2194
Tonna Hospital	412

2. I am looking for the total number of falls sorted by ward from the last 2 years

Please note that we have provided data for the period 01.07.18 to 30.06.20. Please see Appendix 1.

3. I would also like to request all email addresses for ward managers and falls leads/groups within the Health Board.

Christine Williams, Interim Director of Nursing (Christine.williams20@wales.nhs.uk) has overall responsibility for falls within the Health Board.

Details of ward managers are withheld under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This 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.

4. On average how much does falls cost the Health Board per year?

This information is not held centrally. You contacted us on 4th August 2020 advising that this question can be disregarded.

5. Can you also provide the number of patients that absconded from the wards and which wards were affected for the last 2 years?

You clarified on 8th July 2020 that you were only looking for patients who successfully managed to abscond from the wards – not including any unsuccessful attempts.



Please note the data provided covers the period 01.07.18 to 30.06.20 and includes patients that failed to return from authorised leave.
Please see Appendix 2.

6. How much does each patient on average that absconds from a ward cost the Health Board?

This information is not held centrally. You contacted us on 4th August 2020 advising that this question can be disregarded.

*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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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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