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Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020. Your request sought information relating to emergency CT and MRI scans.

**1. How do you currently manage your out of hours/emergency CT and MRI reporting? Please select from the below a-e options.**

Swansea Bay Health Board use options C and D below.

**a. Radiology Registrars**

**b. Consultant Radiologists**

**c. Radiology Registrars AND Consultant Radiologists**

**d. Using Teleradiology companies/outsourcing**

**e. Other**

**2. If Other, please expand on what method you use to manage your out of hours reporting.**

Not applicable.

**3. How many out of hours/emergency CT and MRI scans did you report (in total) during the following time periods?**

**a. 2018/19 Financial Year (1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019)**

**b. Q4 2019 (1st October 2019 - 31st December 2019)**



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This information is not held centrally. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records and systems which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**4. If applicable, please list all Teleradiology companies (such as Everlight, Medica, Telemedicine Clinic and 4Ways Healthcare) that were used for out of hours/emergency CT and MRI reporting during the two listed time periods.**

Everlight only

**5. If applicable, please confirm how many out of hours/emergency CT and MRI scans you outsourced to each Teleradiology Provider during the following time periods?**

**a. 2018/19 Financial Year (1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019)**

CT Scans – 1998 outsourced

MRI Scans – 7 outsourced

**b. Q4 2019 (1st October 2019 - 31st December 2019)**

CT Scans – 87 outsourced\*

MRI Scans – 18 outsourced

\*Please note that the Health Board completed a change to the service in October 2019, which is reflected in the figures above when comparing to 2018/19. As a consequence the Health Board now utilises more in-house staff for out of hours/emergency work, therefore reducing its requirement to outsource.

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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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), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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**Director of Corporate Governance**



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