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Swansea Bay University
Health Board

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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 26th April 2021. Your request sought information relating to ambulance response rates.

1. Please give total number of trauma incidents attended from 1st Jan 2019 -1st Jan 2021 [inclusive].

You clarified on 28th April 2021 that you are looking for information for both land and air ambulance plus any other modes of ambulance used.

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 for ABMU and Cwm Taf Health Boards prior to 1st April 2019, and for SBU and Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Boards after this date.

I can confirm that Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold information on land ambulances. This information will be held by the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST). May I suggest you contact the Freedom of Information team at WAST on FOI.amb@wales.nhs.uk who may be able to assist you with this part of your enquiry.

Swansea Bay University Health Board hosts the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service in Wales (EMRTS) which includes both air ambulance and rapid response vehicles. Therefore, we have been able to provide information for all the



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health boards in Wales, please note that any incidents attended in England have been excluded.

| Health Board | Air Ambulance Response | Rapid Response Vehicle Response | Grand Total |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Abertawe Bro Morgannwg (prior to 01.04.19) | 12 | 29 | 41 |
| Aneurin Bevan | 146 | 285 | 431 |
| Betsi Cadwaladr | 489 | 101 | 590 |
| Cardiff and Vale | 78 | 317 | 395 |
| Cwm Taf (prior to 01.04.19) | 5 | 15 | 20 |
| Cwm Taf Morgannwg (after 01.04.19) | 145 | 199 | 344 |
| Hywel Dda | 228 | 126 | 354 |
| Powys | 188 | 67 | 255 |
| Swansea Bay (after 01.04.19) | 106 | 161 | 267 |
| Grand Total | 1397 | 1300 | 2697 |

Please disclose: for each incident-

- a. Incident Date and Time first alerted**
- b. Incident on site time and location.**
- c. Incident Departure Time from location.**
- d. Incident Arrival time at Tertiary Care and duration of transport taken to the Hospital**
- e. Mode of transport (e.g. helicopter)**
- f. Type of injury/medical issue**
- g. Which hospital was the patient taken to? Morriston/UHW/Bristol Southmead/Other**

I confirm we have provided information in response to question (e) "mode of transport" in the table above. However we are unable to provide you with the remaining level of detail you are seeking as to the breakdown of each incident attended as there is a potential risk of identifying the individual if this was disclosed. 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.

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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



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