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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 13th August 2021. Your request sought information relating to growth hormones and spasticity.

1. How many patients has your Health Board treated in the last 12 months with the following drugs?

Drug	Secondary Care - Patient Numbers August 2020 – July 2021	Primary Care – Prescription Items July 2020 – June 2021
Genotropin	6	156
Humatrope	0	16
Norditropin	8	163
Nutropin	0	10
Omnitrope	5	122
Saizen	0	17
Zomacton	0	8
Any other somatropin	N/A	56 (Generic)



2. Please provide the number of patients under the age of 16 that were treated in the last 12 months with each of the following drugs:

Drug	Secondary Care - Patient Numbers August 2020 – July 2021
Genotropin	<5
Humatrope	0
Norditropin	<5
Nutropin	0
Omnitrope	0
Saizen	0
Zomacton	0
Any other somatropin	N/A

3. Within your Health Board, how many patients have been diagnosed (primary or secondary diagnosis) in the past 12 months for the following conditions:

- **Neuromuscular dysfunction of bladder (ICD-10 Code N31.9)**
- **Cervical dystonia (ICD-10 code G24.3)**

I can confirm that this information is not held centrally. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records 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 and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 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. For patients diagnosed with neuromuscular dysfunction of bladder as per question c above, how many patients have been treated in the last 3 months with the following products:

We can only provide total patient issues for all diagnoses – we do not have the information available to breakdown to indication. These medications are also issued as bulk stock to wards/treatment areas, therefore total patient numbers will be much greater, but this information is not available within the Pharmacy stock control system:

- **Botox** 37
- **Dysport** 84



- **Xeomin** 19

5. For patients diagnosed with cervical dystonia as per question c above, how many patients have been treated in the last 3 months with the following products:

- **Botox**
- **Dysport**
- **Xeomin**

Please see question 4

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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Yours sincerely



On behalf of

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