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Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
Bae Abertawe
Swansea Bay University
Health Board

Cadeirydd/Chair: **Emma Woollett**
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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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Corporate Services
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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 26th February 2021. Your request sought information relating to needle stick injuries.

1. What is the size of the Health Board in terms of number of beds:

Please note that we have provided bed numbers at 31st March 2020 (pre-pandemic or "normal" bed numbers). This includes all of our Community and Mental Health and Learning Disability sites as well as acute sites.

Number of beds - 1591

2. Please provide the number of needle stick (sharps) injuries reported within the Health Board for the following NHS years:

April 2017 – March 2018 - 168

April 2018 – March 2019 - 167

April 2019 – March 2020 - 120

3. How many subcutaneous (SC) infusion procedures were conducted by your Health Board in the following NHS years:

April 2017 – March 2018 – 11 SC infusion procedures performed

April 2018 – March 2019 – <5* SC infusion procedures performed



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Swansea Bay University Health Board is the operational name of Swansea Bay University Local Health Board

April 2019 – March 2020 – 18 SC infusion procedures performed

* Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of procedures 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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