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Dear [Redacted]

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 18th January 2021. Your request sought information relating to Nuss and Ravitch procedures.

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.

You clarified on 28th January 2021 that you were content for us to use codes *T02.1 Correction of pectus deformity of chest wall* and *T02.2 Insertion of silicone implant for correction of pectus excavatum* for the purpose of this request.

1) Volumes of operations carried out since 2000, by year, in relation to the Nuss and Ravitch procedure.

Operation date	Grand Total
2000	<5*
2001	0
2002	0
2003	0
2004	0



2005	0
2006	<5*
2007	<5*
2008	<5*
2009	<5*
2010	<5*
2011	0
2012	<5*
2013	<5*
2014	<5*
2015	0
2016	0
2017	<5*
2018	0
2019	0
2020	0

* 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.

2) Volumes of operations in relation to the Nuss and Ravitch procedure, that remain outstanding.

There are currently no patients on the RTT waiting list for either of the procedures noted above.

3) Number of adults (older than 18) having a Nuss and Ravitch operation where symptoms of breathlessness were the symptom.

I can confirm that Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold this information. Due to the way that our systems record symptoms, we are not able to provide just "breathlessness" as a symptom in accordance with these procedures – it would also include Apnoea NOS, breath-holding spells, choking sensation and sighing.

4) Number of operations where pectus was considered mild

I can confirm that Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold this information.

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



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