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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021. Your request sought information relating to Crohn's disease.

**Can you provide information on the total number of patients with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis treated in hospitals in your Swansea Bay University Health Board between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2019 who were:**

- 1. White British**
- 2. South Asian (Pakistani, Indian, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan background)**
- 3. Afro-Caribbean**

Please note that the figures we have provided shows the unique number of patients treated per year (if the patient was admitted several times, we have counted them once). Also, the figures below reflect the number of patients admitted and coded with a primary diagnosis of Crohn's disease/ulcerative colitis.

Diagnosis	Ethnicity	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Crohn's	African	0	0	<5*	0	0
	Any other Asian background	0	0	0	0	<5*
	Any other Black background	0	0	0	0	<5*
	Any other ethnic group	0	0	0	0	<5*
	Any White Background	106	113	124	158	192
	Indian	<5*	<5*	<5*	<5*	<5*



	Not stated	42	51	52	87	78
	Pakistani	<5*	<5*	0	<5*	0
	White and Asian	0	0	0	<5*	0
	White and Black Caribbean	0	0	<5*	0	<5*
<b>Ulcerative Colitis</b>	Any other Asian background	0	0	<5*	<5*	<5*
	Any other ethnic group	0	0	<5*	<5*	<5*
	Any White Background	108	127	133	173	156
	Bangladeshi	0	<5*	<5*	<5*	<5*
	Indian	<5*	0	0	0	<5*
	Not stated	71	70	86	106	90

\*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.

**For each of these three groups how many received treatment either as in-patients or outpatients with: Biologics (infliximab, adalimumab, golumimab, vedoluzimab)**

Please note that our Pharmacy systems do not hold information down to patient diagnosis or ethnicity. However, for the Gastroenterology specialty, 299 patients have been treated with one of these biologics during the specified time period.

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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Yours sincerely



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