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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.

Dyddiad/Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021  
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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021. Your request sought information relating to caesarean sections.

**1. How many maternal request caesareans were carried out in your Health Board between April 2019 and April 2020 with no other significant medical, obstetric or psychological indication?**

527

**2. What were the total number of caesarean sections carried out in your Health Board between April 2019 and April 2020?**

1047

**3. Please confirm how your Health Board complies with the revised NICE guideline [NG192] in relation to Maternal Request for Caesarean Birth points 1.2.25 – 1.2.31 – published March 31 2021**

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng192/chapter/Recommendations>

Women are given appropriate information to make an informed choice regarding their request. Some women would be referred to the Consultant Midwife for further discussions if necessary. A referral to another obstetric consultant could be made if the current one does not agree with the request.

**4. Do you have an explicitly stated policy not to offer Maternal Request Caesarean Sections (MRCS) in your Health Board?**

No



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- 5. Do you have a written guideline for Maternal Request Caesarean Sections (MRCS) in your Health Board? If yes, please provide a copy of the written guideline**  
See attached
- 6. Do you require a compulsory mental health appointment in order for a Caesarean Section to be offered?**  
No
- 7. Do you have a policy which states the number of weeks into pregnancy the decision for a Caesarean Section would be made? If yes please state number of weeks**  
No
- 8. Are there any other conditions which must be met in order to be offered a Maternal Request Caesarean Section in your Health Board? If yes, please provide a copy of the conditions**  
No

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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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), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



Pam Wenger  
**Director of Corporate Governance**

