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Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
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Swansea Bay University
Health Board

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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-L-039**

You asked:

Please would it be possible to be sent information on the following:

1. The number of NHS Functional neurological disorder(FND)/conversion disorder/functional seizure specific departments or centres in your health board.

The Health Board does not have any specific departments or centres for FND/conversion disorder/functional seizures.

2. The most common diagnostic tests used across your health board to diagnose patients with functional neurological disorder/conversion disorder/functional seizures in the last 5 years.

Most patients are diagnosed based on the history and clinical examination, and increasingly with the help of patient videos (e.g. of seizures or abnormal movements). Investigations are used alongside this and in order of importance;

- MRI scans – brain +/- spine
- Electroencephalogram (EEG)
- Nerve conduction studies
- Lumbar puncture

3. The most common treatments used across your health board to support patients with Functional neurological disorder/conversion disorder/functional seizures in the last 5 years.

The only definitive treatment that has been offered within the health board was psycho-educative workshops for dissociative seizures.

A small number of patients have had cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) and eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR) treatment.



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4. The number of patients in your health board diagnosed with Functional neurological disorder/conversion disorder/functional seizures in the last 5 years

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.

