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Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
Bae Abertawe
Swansea Bay University
Health Board

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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Atebir gohebiaeth Gymraeg yn y Gymraeg, ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-K-031**

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.

Please note that this information relates to claims settled during the period. The figures below relate to the number of cases based on the year in which a settlement was first accepted. The below cases will relate to clinical negligence claims, personal injury claims and complaints (redress) cases. Redress is a range of actions that can be taken to resolve concerns where the organisation has been at fault in causing harm. Redress can include a written apology and explanation of what happened and/or financial compensation. The proposed redress scheme is a consensual process, not a judicial process and redress is offered not awarded.

It is also important to note a financial settlement does not necessarily mean the Health Board has admitted liability.

You asked:

1. How many legal cases have been taken against the Health Board over the last 4 years?

Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury claims received from 01.04.18 to 31.03.22
– 800 cases

2. How many legal cases has the Health Board lost over the last 4 years?

Please note that we are providing the number of cases "settled" by the Health Board. For a case to be "lost", it would have to go to court, and this is a rare occurrence. A settlement is different to this, as the Health Board would not have necessarily made an admission of fault of liability. The Health Board would "settle"



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a case for a number of reasons, including on economical grounds.

Clinical Negligence and Personal Injury claims settled from 01.04.18 to 31.03.22 – 359 cases

3. How much money has the Health Board paid as a result of these losses?

Please see below the total cost of losses payments made by the health board over each of the last 4 years.

This covers only losses payments made under legal obligation – i.e. clinical negligence, redress, GMPI (all classed as clinical negligence) and Personal Injury and does not include defence fees.

Year	Clinical Negligence (£)	Personal Injury (£)	Total (£)
2021-22	25,697,473	823,354	26,520,827
2021-21	13,180,620	715,810	13,896,070
2019-20	13,858,566	478,513	14,337,07
2018-19	20,928,034	421,976	21,350,010

