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Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol  
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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-J-009**

### **You asked:**

Please note that from 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019, we have provided the information that ABMU Health Board held which will include Bridgend data.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused huge disruption to NHS services, not just in Swansea Bay but across the UK.

As with all health organisations, at various stages during the pandemic, we suspended non-emergency services and appointments so our hospitals did not become overwhelmed while we cared for those seriously ill with the virus. Inevitably this has affected waiting times as it has done with all other health boards. Clearly this was not something any of us would have wanted and we were extremely conscious of the potential consequences for patients.

Since the start of the pandemic we have continued to care for those requiring urgent treatment, and following the first wave we reintroduced many of our services and have done our best to keep disruption to a minimum throughout the remainder, often with change in place to protect patients and staff, but continuing to provide as much planned care as possible.

Our hard-working staff have supported this by coming up with innovative solutions to protect services, adapt services to continue recognising the existence of the virus and introduce new ones specifically as a result of the virus – there are numerous examples on our website.

**Please can you provide me with figures for the number of general surgeries done over the last twenty four months by type ie hip/knee replacement, gallbladder removal etc and a comparative figure for pre 2019. If you do not**



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**have the specific figures then all/any figures that show the trend in gallbladder removal over the last 4-5 years.**

Please note that we have provided the figures for gallbladder removal in the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

<b>Procedure Year</b>	<b>Number of Procedures</b>
2017	819
2018	791
2019	599
2020	170
2021	290
2022	136

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