



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: 23-B-017**

SBUHB have a number of insourcing arrangements whereby private companies use facilities within SBUHB to treat our patients, which is common practice across health boards in Wales. The Health Board pay the insourcing company to treat our patients on our waiting list, which is better value for money than outsourcing to a private facility as they are using our equipment, energy etc so it is a reduced tariff. We are essentially buying in additional capacity from private providers but the activity is undertaken in one of our hospitals.

You asked:

1. How many patients received orthopaedic surgery by the private sector/independent sector providers in the following years:

- **Financial year 2019/2020** - 602 episodes of activity*
- **Financial year 2020/2021** - No data as private capacity was commissioned by Welsh Government during the covid-19 pandemic
- **Financial year 2021/2022** - 363 episodes of activity*

* episodes of activity will also include Outpatients appointments and diagnostics as well as the surgeries themselves.

2. How much did the the health board pay these private sectors/independent sector providers for these orthopaedic surgeries in the following years:

- **Financial year 2019/2020** - £3,821,145
- **Financial year 2020/2021** - No data as private capacity was commissioned by Welsh Government during the covid-19 pandemic
- **Financial year 2021/2022** - £660,364

If it's also possible to provide information on where these surgeries were i.e. within the health board locality / wales / england that would be useful for my own understanding.



All of the patients were treated within Wales. The Outsourcing Providers were based in Swansea and Carmarthen and the Insourcing Provider undertook the activity within the Health Board.

