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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 10th July 2019. Your request sought information relating to prescriptions.

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.

1) How much has it cost your NHS region in the years 2016, 2017, 2018 and to date of 2019 to issue prescriptions as a whole?

The following table outlines the basic price of medicines dispensed within the Health Board. It is broken down by financial year – please note that whilst 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 represent ABMU Health board, 2019/20 is representative of Swansea Bay Health Board following the boundary changes. Please also note that 2019-20 currently consists of April 2019 alone.

Period	Spend			Health Board
	Primary Care	Secondary Care	Total	
2016-17	£102,869,113.58	£63,979,267.23	£166,848,380.81	ABMU
2017-18	£104,212,298.27	£63,862,302.29	£168,074,600.56	ABMU



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2018-19	£101,820,842.55	£63,591,661.30	£165,412,503.85	ABMU
2019-20 (April 2019)	£5,864,361.05	£21,170,651.99	£27,035,013.04	Swansea Bay

2) What are the top ten items prescribed in the above years?

Primary Care

The following table represent the top ten preparations by prescription items, by financial year. The same applies regarding the health board/financial years as outlined above.

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 (April 2019) Swansea Bay
Omeprazole_Cap E/c 20mg	Omeprazole_Cap E/c 20mg	Omeprazole_Cap E/c 20mg	Omeprazole_Cap E/c 20mg
Aspirin Disper_Tab 75mg	Aspirin Disper_Tab 75mg	Aspirin Disper_Tab 75mg	Ventolin_Evohaler 100mcg (200 D)
Paracet_Tab 500mg	Ventolin_Evohaler 100mcg (200 D)	Ventolin_Evohaler 100mcg (200 D)	Aspirin Disper_Tab 75mg
Ventolin_Evohaler 100mcg (200 D)	Paracet_Tab 500mg	Amlodipine_Tab 5mg	Amlodipine_Tab 5mg
Simvastatin_Tab 40mg	Amlodipine_Tab 5mg	Atorvastatin_Tab 20mg	Paracet_Tab 500mg
Amlodipine_Tab 5mg	Simvastatin_Tab 40mg	Paracet_Tab 500mg	Atorvastatin_Tab 20mg
Bendroflumethiazide_Tab	Atorvastatin_Tab 20mg	Simvastatin_Tab 40mg	Lansoprazole_Tab



Tab 2.5mg			Cap 15mg (e/c Gran)
Atorvastatin_ Tab 20mg	Bendroflumethiazide_Tab 2.5mg	Lansoprazole_ Cap 15mg (e/c Gran)	Simvastatin_ Tab 40mg
Lansoprazole_ Cap 30mg (e/c Gran)	Lansoprazole_Cap 15mg (e/c Gran)	Co-Codamol_ Tab 30mg/500mg	Co-Codamol_ Tab 30mg/500mg
Simvastatin_ Tab 20mg	Co-Codamol_Tab 30mg/500mg	Levothyrox Sod_ Tab 100mcg	Metformin Hcl_Tab 500mg

Secondary Care

The following table represent the top ten preparations by transaction numbers, by financial year.

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20 (Swansea Bay)
PARACETAMOL 500 mg Tablets	PARACETAMOL 500 mg Tablets	PARACETAMOL 500 mg Tablets	PARACETAMOL 500 mg Tablets
OMEPRAZOLE 20 mg Capsules	DEXAMETHASONE 2 mg Tablets	DEXAMETHASONE 2 mg Tablets	DEXAMETHASONE 2 mg Tablets
METOCLOPRAMIDE HYDROCHLORIDE 10 mg Tablets	OMEPRAZOLE 20 mg Capsules	OMEPRAZOLE 20 mg Capsules	ENOXAPARIN SODIUM (INHIXA) 40 mg in 0.4mL Injection
PREDNISOLONE 5 mg Tablets	PREDNISOLONE 5 mg Tablets	PREDNISOLONE 5 mg Tablets	OMEPRAZOLE 20 mg Capsules



FOLIC ACID 5 mg Tablets	TINZAPARIN SODIUM 4500 units in 0.45mL Injection	MACROGOL (LAXIDO) ORANGE Oral Powder	PREDNISOLONE 5 mg Tablets
CO-CODAMOL 30 mg / 500 mg Tablets	FOLIC ACID 5 mg Tablets	FOLIC ACID 5 mg Tablets	MACROGOL (LAXIDO) ORANGE Oral Powder
TINZAPARIN SODIUM 4500 units in 0.45mL Injection	METOCLOPRAMIDE HYDROCHLORIDE 10 mg Tablets	CO-CODAMOL 30 mg / 500 mg Tablets	FOLIC ACID 5 mg Tablets
ASPIRIN 75 mg Dispersible Tablets	CO-CODAMOL 30 mg / 500 mg Tablets	TINZAPARIN SODIUM 4500 units in 0.45mL Injection	CO-CODAMOL 30 mg / 500 mg Tablets
DEXAMETHASONE 2 mg Tablets	MACROGOL (LAXIDO) ORANGE Oral Powder	CLOZAPINE (ZAPONEX) 100 mg Tablets	MORPHINE SULPHATE 10 mg in 5mL Oral Liquid
IBUPROFEN 400 mg Tablets	SODIUM CHLORIDE (10 mL) 0.9 % Injection	SODIUM CHLORIDE (10 mL) 0.9 % Injection	WATER FOR INJECTION (10mL)

3) How many prescriptions have been issued for Aspirin or Paracetamol in the above years?

Unfortunately we are unable to provide number of prescriptions.

For Primary Care we have provided the number of prescription items generated for that product (i.e. it does not differentiate whether this was for one tablet or a hundred) and for Secondary Care we have provided the number of transaction items (i.e. the number of times we have dispensed the drug). These do not directly correlate to the number of prescriptions.



Aspirin

Period	Items (Primary Care)	Transactions (Secondary Care)
2016-17	357,968	6,578
2017-18	330,527	5,933
2018-19	309,011	5,068
2019-20 (April 2019)	17,290	1,528

Paracetamol

Period	Items (Primary Care)	Transactions (Secondary Care)
2016-17	265,491	23,877
2017-18	247,824	21,618
2018-19	236,695	19,328
2019-20 (April 2019)	13,966	5,900

4) What is the total cost of prescribing Aspirin and Paracetamol alone in the above years.

Once again the same applies regarding the health board/financial years as outlined above.

Aspirin

Period	Price	
	Primary Care	Secondary Care
2016-17	£279,215.72	£5,460.67



2017-18	£230,435.98	£4,751.55
2018-19	£170,896.39	£3,864.61
2019-20	£10,900.11 (April 2019)	£1,287.62 (Apr-Jun 2019)

Paracetamol


Period	Price	
	Primary Care	Primary Care
2016-17	£794,323.13	£89,648.41
2017-18	£667,736.07	£98,303.46
2018-19	£533,094.29	£103,648.09
2019-20	£37,984.12 (April 2019)	£36,139.64 (Apr-Jun 2019)

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Yours sincerely



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