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**caring for each other, working together, always improving**

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019. I apologise for the delay in responding. Your request sought information relating to pessary prolapse management.

We are writing to you and colleagues in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary care, with a freedom of information request to obtain the following data:

**1) How many new pessaries are inserted in your Health Board in the last year?**

406 from October 18 – April 19 in the outpatient setting. Data is not captured in primary care or on inpatients.

**2) How many pessaries are changed in your Health Board in the last year?**

737 from October 18 – April 19 in the outpatient setting. Data is not captured in primary care or on inpatients.

**3) What are the training requirements for a pessary practitioner in your Health Board**

Training requirements are currently being reviewed by a consultant gynaecologist and nurse practitioner. The specialist practitioner has been trained by a consultant with a competency framework, clinic nurses have been trained by a consultant and one nurse cascades the training via a competency framework to registrants within their clinic.



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Swansea Bay University Health Board is the operational name of Swansea Bay University Local Health Board

#### 4) Who provides pessary care in your Health Board?

Specialist nurses within gynaecology, registered nurses in gynaecology clinics and Gynae medical staff

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

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Yours sincerely



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