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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 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Your request sought information relating to Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolaemia.

- 1. Does Swansea Bay University Health Board diagnose patients with Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolaemia (HoFH)? Y/N Yes**
  - a. If yes, does your health board diagnose adult patients, paediatric patients or both? All ages**
  - b. How many patients in the last calendar year have you diagnosed with this condition? Please provide where available (and applicable) a breakdown by Adult and/or Paediatric Patients.**  
None
  - c. Which of the following tests/diagnostic procedures do you use at Swansea Bay University Health Board in relation to the diagnostics of HoFH? For these tests, which ones are you able to carry out "in house"? Of those carried out elsewhere, where are patients referred to have the testing carried out? For answers please use table below.**
    - i. Cascade Genetic/DNA Tests**
    - ii. Dutch Lipid Clinic Network (DLCN) criteria**
    - iii. Simon Broome diagnostic criteria**
    - iv. Family History**
    - v. Cholesterol/LDL Blood Testing**
    - vi. Other (please specify details of name of test in the FOI return)**



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<b>Test Name</b>	<b>Test used for HoFH diagnosis at this health board Y/N</b>	<b>Test carried out by HB In-house for diagnosis of HoFH Y/N</b>	<b>Details of referral organisation /location for those tests that cannot be carried out by the health board.</b>
<b>Cascade Genetic/DNA Tests</b>	Yes	No	Genetics UHW Cardiff
<b>Dutch Lipid Clinic Network (DLCN) criteria</b>	No	No	Not applicable
<b>Simon √Broome Diagnostic Criteria</b>	Yes	Yes	Not applicable
<b>Family History</b>	Yes	Yes	Not applicable
<b>Cholesterol /LDL Blood Testing</b>	Yes	Yes	Not applicable
<b>Other (please specify)</b>	No	No	Not applicable

2. Does Swansea Bay University Health Board treat patients with Homozygous Familial Hypercholesterolaemia (HoFH)? Y/N No
- If no, please specify where patients diagnosed with HoFH are referred to for treatment. Please specify Trust/Organisation Name and Hospital Name where possible. Not applicable
  - If yes, does your health board treat adult patients, paediatric patients or both?
    - If your health board doesn't treat a subgroup (Adult or Paediatric), to which organisation are this sub group referred to for treatment? Please specify Trust/Organisation Name and Hospital Name where possible. Not applicable
  - How many patients in the last calendar year have received treatment for HoFH at Swansea Bay University Health Board? None  
Please provide where available (and applicable) a breakdown by Adult and/or Paediatric Patients. Not applicable



- d. For HoFH patients requiring Apheresis, are you able to carry out this procedure at Swansea Bay University Health Board? Y/N No**
- i. If no, to which organisation(s) do you refer patients to for Apheresis treatment and how many patients are referred to these sites? It would be Llandough Lipid Unit, Cardiff**  
**Please list by Health Board name and hospital site where available, and where possible/applicable please breakdown patient referrals by Adult and Paediatric. Not applicable**
- ii. If yes, how many HoFH patients in the past calendar year have been treated by Apheresis by Swansea Bay University Health Board? None**  
**Please where possible (and applicable) provide with break down by Adult and Paediatric Patients. Not applicable**

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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