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Health Board

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 3rd June 2019. Your request sought information relating to acute bowel ischemia.

Please note that since 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. However as you have asked for information prior to this date, we have provided the information that ABMU Health Board held which will include Bridgend data.

1. Various incident and mortality rates for acute bowel ischemia for each year over the period 2007 - 2018 (the table to be completed is attached).

Please see attached. Please note that where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.



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2. An explanation of how the rates have been calculated.

Mortality rate is calculated via the total number of patients coded divided by the number of deaths to provide the percentages .

3. Details of the *formal* processes, procedures, pathways and other means of diagnosing acute bowel ischemia used by the hospital and its health professionals (including but not limited to those used by the surgical team, nurses, radiologists, intensive care)?

The Health Board does not have a procedure/pathway document, but would follow NICE guidelines (<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance>) in diagnosing acute bowel ischemia. This would be via clinical history, examination and laboratory blood tests, CT and sometimes diagnostic laparoscopy/laparotomy would be required.

4. Details of any *informal* processes, procedures, pathways and other means of diagnosing acute bowel ischemia used by the hospital and its health professionals (including but not limited to those used by the surgical team, nurses, radiologists, intensive care)?

The Health Board does not hold any information on informal processes.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely

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