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Health Board

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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 28th June 2019. Your request sought information relating to unlicensed medicines.

Please note that since we received your request for information, 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. Therefore this response takes into account these changes and any information relating to the Bridgend area, will now be held by Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board.

1. Does your Health Board have a policy on the use of unlicensed medicines? Please answer Yes or No. If yes, please provide a copy of the policy and all other relevant documentation.

Yes, please see attached.

2. Does your Health Board have a policy or protocol on obtaining informed consent from patients when an unlicensed medicine is used? Please answer Yes or No. If yes, please provide copies of all relevant documentation, including copies of template informed consent materials, used to consent patients where an unlicensed medicine is to be administered.

Yes, included in the attached policy.



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

3. Please state which Board level job role(s) is (are) responsible for patient safety and consenting

The Health Boards Medical Director.

a. If no Board level job role(s) is (are) responsible for patient safety and consenting, please state which job role in the organisation is responsible for this.

Not applicable

4. Does your Health Board have, or intend to introduce, a policy that makes compounded bevacizumab routinely available to treat wet age-related macular degeneration? If Yes, please supply a copy of your policy

No

5. Over the past two years has your Health Board, on more than one occasion, used compounded Avastin (bevacizumab) for the treatment of wet age-related macular degeneration? Please answer Yes or No

There have been no issues of compounded bevacizumab.

If yes to 5:

6. Was the compounded Avastin (bevacizumab) for the treatment of age-related macular degeneration produced within an aseptic department owned/run by the Health Board? Please answer Yes or No

Not applicable

If yes to 6:

7. Does the Health Board's aseptic department, referred to above, currently hold an MHRA license for the manufacture of specials? Please answer Yes or No

Not applicable

8. When was the Health Board's aseptic department, referred to above, in answer to Q5 last inspected by the CQC?

Not applicable

If you answered no to question 5, but yes to question 4:

9. Please provide information regarding from whom your Health Board has obtained/purchased compounded Avastin (bevacizumab). If you cannot provide the name of any commercial supplier, please provide as much information as possible

Not applicable.



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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