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

Dyddiad/Date: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2020  
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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 24<sup>th</sup> April. Your request sought information relating to retinal dystrophy.

- 1. How many patients with Inherited Retinal Dystrophy or Hereditary Retinal Dystrophy are registered within your Ophthalmology service?**
- 2. What is the total number of Inherited Retinal Dystrophy or Hereditary Retinal Dystrophy patients that have been seen in clinic in the 4 month period Nov 2019-Feb 2020?**
- 3. How many new Inherited Retinal Dystrophy or Hereditary Retinal Dystrophy patients have been seen in clinic in the 4 month period Nov 2019-Feb 2020?**

This information is not held centrally. Our systems record retinal dystrophy under the category "medical retina" which is a blanket term covering various diagnoses. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of patient records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.



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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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**Director of Corporate Governance**

