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## Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Your request sought information relating to mastectomy without reconstruction.

## Would it be possible for you to provide the number of women at your Health Board who have breast cancer surgery and have had bilateral mastectomies WITHOUT reconstruction?

You clarified on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020 that you would like the figures for the period 2015 to 2020.

We have provided the number of admissions for females with breast cancer who received a bilateral mastectomy without reconstruction during the admission, between 01/01/15 and 30/06/20 inclusive. Please note that a patient maybe be admitted more than once.

Year of Admission	Number of Admissions
2015	19
2016	17
2017	10
2018	11
2019	5
2020	<5*



\* 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.

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), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely

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