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Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 5th January 2021. Your request sought information relating to COPD.

You clarified on the 6th January 2021 that you wanted the information for the period 2009 to 2019.

You asked us;

1. COPD cost to NHS

You clarified on the 6th January 2021 that you would like the average daily cost for a COPD patient as an inpatient.

The estimated average cost per day for an inpatient with COPD recorded for Swansea Bay is £438.

Please note that this is the 'Fully Absorbed' cost including Medical, Nursing, Diagnostics, Therapies and overhead costs.

2. COPD survival rate

You clarified on 6th January 2021 that you would like the number of patients diagnosed vs patients passing away each year.

I can confirm that Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold this information. Treatment of COPD is often managed through Primary Care and community services, therefore any data relating to this would not be held by us. May I suggest that you look at these websites for further information on diagnosis and death rates from COPD



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<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/adhocs/11241deathsfromasthmarespiratorydiseasechronicobstructivepulmonarydiseaseandfluenglandandwales20012018occurrences>

<https://statistics.blf.org.uk/copd>

3. Different treatment options

You clarified on 6th January 2021 that you would like information on all types of treatment including primary and secondary care.

Treatments are outlined by local and national guidance around medical management in the form of inhalers and antibiotics for exacerbations.

Primary Care - there are GP and Practice Nurse COPD reviews, Pulmonary Rehabilitation, smoking cessation services as well as the National Exercise Referral Scheme.

Secondary Care – there are NIV and O² clinics, rapid access (HOT) clinics and Consultant outpatient appointments as appropriate. Lung Function Testing is also available at both Singleton and Morriston hospitals.

The COPD Early Discharge and Admission Avoidance service runs across both Singleton and Morriston hospitals. This is also extending gradually into accepting GP referrals. Patients known to the team are able to self-refer during future exacerbations. After initial assessment (prior to discharge) patients are seen at home.

In addition to this, the British Lung Foundation run several patient support services in the community.

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

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Yours sincerely

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