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Dear

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

Over the last 5 years:

- 1. How many patients were admitted for more than 1 night for ophthalmology treatment?**

Year	Number of elective admissions
2016	221
2017	225
2018	196
2019	104
2020	45

- 2. What was the average length of stay for these patients?**

Year	Average Length of Stay in Days
2016	1.46



2017	1.89
2018	2.32
2019	1.81
2020	1.36

3. How many of these patients were admitted for social care reasons in that they could not administer their own eye drops?

The Health Board would not hold this information centrally. The information would be held in patient records, therefore to obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of 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.

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

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request please contact me directly at the address below or register your complaint via FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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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