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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 9th January 2020. Your request sought information relating to inter-uterine devices. You clarified on 9th January 2020 that you require information for GP practices in the Health Board.

1. List of all practices (including address and postcode details) that are contracted to fit/offer an Internal Uterine System/Device (coil) fitting service.

See Appendix 1

2. How many IUS/Ds (coils) have each practice fitted/removed/reviewed/claimed for in the financial year 2018/19?

See Appendix 2

Please note that the only mechanism we have for collecting IUD removal data is via the annual audit figures which are submitted by each practice. The deadline for 2019 data is August 2020 therefore some figures are still missing.

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



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Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

3. How much are contracted practices paid per IUS/IUD (coil) procedure (fit, remove, review or other) they currently contracted to pay per fit?

This figure is withheld. Section 43 of the Act sets out an exemption for the right to know if release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). Section 43 is a qualified exemption. That is, it is subject to the public interest test.

The Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency and there is an interest in the public being aware of how much money is spent and the benefits derived from that expenditure. However within this particular market prices are locally agreed with the practices and the Health Board. Therefore the Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could have the effect of discouraging practices from agreeing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn this could then jeopardise the Health Boards ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. It was therefore decided that it is not in the publics' interest to disclose this information.

4. If fitting service is available, how many insertions and removals have been undertaken in the last 12 months for each practice?

See Appendix 3

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5. Does the practice have a bespoke clinic for IUS/D (coil) fitting or are appointments for IUS/D (coil) fits made as part of the routine appointment schedule or both?

Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold this information centrally, it is dependent on each practice.



6. Is there a waiting time for IUS/IUD (coil) fits at the practice and if so how long (less than 6 weeks, between 6 weeks – 6 months, or longer than 6 months?)

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7. If a practice does not have its own fitting service, which practice/clinic/hospital do they refer the majority of their patients that require an IUS/D (coil) fit to (type, name, address and postcode) and how many do they refer?

Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold this information centrally, it is dependent on each practice. However, we have provided a list of the Sexual Health Clinics to which GP practices would refer patients if they do not provide their own fitting service.

| Type | Name | Address |
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| Sexual Health Clinic | Singleton Hospital | Gum Clinic Sketty Lane, Sketty, Swansea, SA2 8QA |
| Sexual Health Clinic | Neath Port Talbot Hospital | Clinic B1, Baglan Way Port Talbot, SA12 7BX |
| Sexual Health Clinic | Pontardawe | Health Centre, Alloy Ind Est, SA8 4JU |
| Sexual Health Clinic | Dyfed Road | Dyfed Road Health Centre, Hub, Neath, SA11 3AP |
| Sexual Health Clinic | Info-nation (for ages <24) | 47 The Kingsway, Swansea, SA1 5HG |

8. Do they have someone within the practice who provides specialist contraceptive counselling and if so what is their role (doctor, nurse, healthcare assistant, healthcare visitor or other)?

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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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