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Dear

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 4th March 2020. Your request sought information relating to spinal surgery waiting times.

1. In relation to spinal surgery, what number of elective cases has your Board commissioned from Morriston Hospital for the year 2020 / 21 and how does this number related to both the total number of patients on the waiting list and the number waiting over 36 weeks for spinal surgery?

Please note that the Health Board does not commission spinal surgery cases. The Health Board however carries out capacity planning for elective spinal surgery, however due to COVID-19 the capacity plan for Quarter 1 will now have changed and it will likely to change for Quarter 2.

The total number of patients on the waiting list as at 04.03.20 was: 54,269

The number of patients waiting over 36 weeks for spinal surgery as at 04.03.20 was: 545.

2. What level of elective spinal surgery commissioned by your Board for 2020/21 (from all providers) is set out in the current Integrated Medium Term Plan agreed with Welsh Government and please could I have a copy thereof?

The Health Board does not hold this information. The Health Board does not have a current Integrated Medium Term Plan (IMTP). An Annual Plan 2020/21 has been submitted to Welsh Government however spinal surgery was not identified separately within this document. This document includes performance information for Referral to Treatment waiting times as whole.



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Swansea Bay University Health Board is the operational name of Swansea Bay University Local Health Board

The previous version of the Health Board's IMTP can be found on our website:
<https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/files/plans-policies-and-reports/imtp-refresh-15-16-v73/>

3. What is the machinery employed by your Board to “regularly review... services (both those you provide and those you commission from others) to ensure they meet the needs of the resident population”? I assume meeting the waiting times target is part of those needs.

Performance figures are regularly reported to the Performance and Finance Committee, details of which can be found on our website:
<https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/about-us/key-documents-folder/performance-and-finance-committee-papers/>

4. What in year adjustments were made in 2019/20 to ensure that waiting times targets were met – for example by increasing the amount of elective capacity “bought”?

The Health Board outsourced to both Sancta Maria Hospital and BMI Werndale during 2019/20.

5. How does your Board ensure that residents from your area are moved through Morriston Hospital at a pace commensurate with meeting waiting times targets?

As stated above in Q3, performance figures are regularly reviewed every month and waiting time targets reviewed.

6. As the Board operating Morriston Hospital what level of total elective orthopaedic capacity is intended to be delivered in 2020/21 and how does this level relate to the total number of people currently on the waiting list for admission?

The total elective orthopaedic capacity planned for 2020/21 will now have changed due to COVID-19 as per question 1.

The number of people on the waiting list for orthopaedic surgery as at 4th March 2020 was 7,440.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. a. Wenger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pam Wenger
Director of Corporate Governance

