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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 5th March 2020. Your request sought information relating to mental health issues in men. Please note that in order to provide consistency we have provided the information in financial years.

Please note that from 1st April 2019 responsibility for providing healthcare services for people in the Bridgend County Borough Council area transferred from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board to Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board. In light of this change to ABMU's responsibilities, the organisation's name has changed to Swansea Bay University Health Board. However as this response asks for data prior to 1st April 2019, we have provided the information that ABMU Health Board held which will include Bridgend data.

You clarified on 10th March 2020 that for question 3, you were looking for numbers of anti-depressants. On 2nd April 2020 you clarified that you were referring to inpatients.

1. The number of men diagnosed with mental health issues from 2009-2019.

Financial Year	Number
2009/10	576
2010/11	665
2011/12	589
2012/13	523
2013/14	564



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2014/15	539
2015/16	536
2016/17	488
2017/18	462
2018/19	414
2019/20	315

2. The types of mental health issues diagnosed in men from 2009-2019.

Please see Appendix 1.

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.

3. The number of prescriptions given for mental health issues in men from 2009-2019.

We are not able to provide the number of prescriptions for anti-depressant medications, nor do we hold a breakdown by gender. However, we have provided the units dispensed of anti-depressants within the Health Board as a whole. Prescribing data is not available prior to 2013, so we have provided the information from 2013 onwards.

Period	Items
2013/14	843,600
2014/15	909,021
2015/16	972,824
2016/17	1,027,135
2017/18	1,064,434
2018/19	1,119,292
2019 - 31.12.19	625,353

4. A breakdown by age of men diagnosed for mental health issues from 2009-2019

Please see Appendix 2.

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5. The numbers of men who have received treatment and are no longer being given medication for a mental health problem from 2009-2019.

To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of patient 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.

6. The numbers of men who have received treatment and are still being given medication for a mental health problem from 2009-2019.

To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of patient 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.

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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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