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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 12th March 2020. Your request sought information relating to sex therapy and labiaplasty.

For each of the last five calendar years (2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019), broken down by year:

1. The number of patients given an initial assessment for a sexually-related mental health condition in your health board area, broken down in the following way with regards to their age and gender, men: 16-24, 25-40, 40-60, 60 plus, women: 16-24, 25-40, 40-60, 60 plus, gender not specified or specified other than male and female: 16-24, 25-40, 40-60, 60 plus.

This information is not held centrally. The Health Board does not record numbers of referrals by sexual therapy or sex-related problems, but the reason of referral such as "anxiety" or "depression" etc. Related issues of a sexual nature may or may not arise during assessment or therapy, but 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.

2. The number of patients referred for mental health sexual therapy, psychosexual counselling or any form of talking therapy relating to sexual issues in your health board area, broken down in the following way with



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Please see question 1.

3. The age of the youngest patient referred for mental health sexual therapy, psychosexual counselling or any form of talking therapy relating to sexual issues in each of the years above.

Please see question 1.

4. The number of patients in your health board area who have undergone a labiaplasty (vulva operation), broken down in the following way with regards to their age: Under 18, 18-24, 25-40, 40-60, 60 plus for each of the years above.

Operation Year	Number of Procedures
2015	<5
2016	0
2017	<5
2018	0
2019	<5

Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients or their ages 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.

5. The age of the youngest patient in your health board area who has undergone a labiaplasty in each of these years.

We are unable to provide you with the level of detail you are seeking as to the youngest age of these patients as there is a potential risk of identifying the individuals if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under 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. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

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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