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Health Board

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**gofalu am ein gilydd, cydweithio, gwella bob amser**  
**caring for each other, working together, always improving**

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Your request sought information relating to a COVID-19 press release.

**I require a copy of the press release (containing the statement that people should continue to attend their appointments as no patient was being treated at Swansea Bay Hospitals with COVID-19) did you lie when you issued it?**

Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold this information. I can confirm that a press release has not been published by the Health Board containing this statement.

However in conducting a search, the statement you are referring to was published on the Health Board's social media channels on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and is therefore already in the public domain. Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (information accessible by other means), we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you.

Please note that all information released by the Health Board is correct at the time of publication.

**Also, copies of any other press releases where you have withdrawn or amended the original statement.**

Not applicable – there have been no press releases which have been withdrawn.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).



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Yours sincerely



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