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

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Corporate Services Headquarters 1 Talbot Gateway Baglan Port Talbot, SA12 7BR

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Your request sought information relating to menopause services.

- 1. Are you, as the local health board area, responsible for commissioning all services related to diagnosis and treatment of menopause in your area? If not, then can you please provide details of who does commission menopause services in your area?
  Yes
- 2. What services for diagnosis and treatment of menopause are available in your area? This could include specialist menopause primary health care providers within GP surgeries or in local hospitals or in specialist clinics. There are no specific specialist menopause clinics held within the Health Board. All gynaecology consultants would be involved in diagnosis and treatment of menopause, however we do have 2 consultants with a special interest in menopause.
- 3. Is there a waiting list for specialist menopause services in your area and if so, roughly how long for?See Q2 the Health Board does not have specialist menopause clinics.
- 4. Have any services related to diagnosis and treatment of menopause been closed in your area? If yes, can you provide details of what that service was and when it closed please?

  No



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5. Does the health board have plans to open any new menopause services? If yes please provide details.
No

## 6. What is the first line of treatment recommended by the health board for women with peri and menopause symptoms? i.e. what is directed on the Formulary?

I can confirm that the information you are seeking is held on our online formulary. 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. May I therefore recommend that you look at this link to our formulary, which contains details of all the treatments that you require: <a href="https://abmformulary.wales.nhs.uk">https://abmformulary.wales.nhs.uk</a>

Please note that the selection of treatment is dependent on various clinical and patient factors. Some consultants may use a different selection of treatments dependent on this factors when treating women with peri and menopause symptoms.

7. What is the second line of treatment recommended by the CCG for women with peri and menopause symptoms? i.e what is directed on the Formulary?

Please see question 6.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at <u>FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk</u>.

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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), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely

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