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Dear [REDACTED],

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 1st October 2020. Your request sought information relating to Multiple Sclerosis.

The information we have provided covers the period 01.03.20 to 31.08.20

1. How many patients have been treated with the following drugs (for any disease) in the past 6 months:

Please note that all numbers supplied below are for secondary care - all prescribing of the medicines listed for Multiple Sclerosis is via secondary care, therefore this reflects the figures on a Health Board-wide level.

- **Ampyra (dalfampridine)** - 0
- **Aubagio (teriflunomide)** - <5*
- **Avonex (interferon beta-1a)** - 11
- **Betaferon (interferon beta-1b)** - <5*
- **Brabio (glatiramer acetate)** - 0
- **Copaxone (glatiramer acetate)** - 35
- **Extavia (beta interferon-1b)** - 0
- **Gilenya (fingolimod)** - 23
- **Lemtrada (alemtuzumab)** - <5*
- **Mavenclad (cladribine)** - <5*
- **Mayzent (siponimod)** - 0
- **Ocrevus (ocrelizumab)** - 55
- **Plegridy (peginterferon beta-1a)** - 32
- **Rebif (beta interferon-1a)** - 6



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- **Tecfidera (dimethyl fumarate)** - 54
- **Tysabri (natalizumab)** - 52
- **Vumerity (diroximel fumarate)** - 0
- **Zeposia (ozanimod)** - 0

2. How many patients have been treated in the past 6 months for the following types of multiple sclerosis:

You clarified on 2nd October 2020 that you are looking for the number of patients admitted to our hospitals in the last 6 months with the below diagnosis.

- **Relapsing remitting MS (RRMS)**
- **Secondary progressive MS (SPMS)**
- **Primary progressive MS (PPMS)**
- **Multiple Sclerosis - any type**

Please note that we are not able to split hospital admissions by type of Multiple Sclerosis. Therefore we have provided the number of admissions for patients with Multiple Sclerosis as a whole for the period specified. Please note that this is the number of patients admitted to hospital who had MS mentioned anywhere on their record of stay – this is not necessarily the reason for admittance

435 admissions. This includes day case, inpatient and regular day admissions.

* 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.

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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