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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 11th August 2021. Your request sought information relating to elective joint surgery.

- 1. Are there any specific measures Swansea Bay University Health Board is taking to treat patients requiring elective joint replacement surgery within the target waiting times, following the cancellation of many surgeries due to the Covid-19 pandemic?
- 2. All information that Swansea Bay University Health Board holds from 1st September 2020 onwards regarding how it plans to deal with the elective joint replacement surgeries that were postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

I can confirm that the information you are seeking is held on our website. 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 website, which contains details of our current public engagement taking place on plans for urgent and planned care in Swansea Bay:

https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/news/news-categories/changing-for-the-future-news/

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

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



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Bwrdd lechyd Prifysgol Bae Abertawe yw enw gweithredu Bwrdd lechyd Lleol Prifysgol Bae Abertawe Swansea Bay University Health Board is the operational name of Swansea Bay University Local Health Board about the Health Board's handling of your request please contact me directly at the address below or register your complaint via <u>FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk</u>.

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

On behalf of

Pam Wenger Director of Corporate Governance