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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Your request sought information relating to HIFU treatment for prostate cancer.

- 1. In December 2019 I asked "What facilities exist within SBU or are available to Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBU) patients choosing FIFU as their choice of prostate cancer treatment." As HIFU appears a superior treatment to overall radiotherapy of the prostate in terms of secondary complications and ongoing functionality I would enquire whether SBU patients are any closer to gaining access to this form of treatment?**

Currently, the situation has not changed. We still refer patients to Wrexham Maelor Hospital if they wish to consider HIFU as part of clinical trials.

- 2. I would also be interested to know what results have been produced on prostate treatment in the trials given a further trial year has passed?**

I can confirm that this information is not held by Swansea Bay University Health Board. The trials are run by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board – if you contact them at [BCU.FOI@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:BCU.FOI@wales.nhs.uk) they may be able to assist with your query.

- 3. Space OAR I understand has just been approved for NHS use. It is possible the gel injection can reduce pain, bleeding and bowel incontinence by almost 80%. This seems a relatively simple procedure with a range of benefits. When will SBU be able to offer this service as part of its prostate radiotherapy treatment?**



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The Health Board does not hold this information, we do not currently have a date when SpaceOAR will be offered by Swansea Bay.

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



***On behalf of***

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