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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 27th July 2021. Your request sought information relating to treatment of spasticity.

We have provided information for the period 01.03.21 to 31.05.21.

Q1. How many patients have been treated (for any condition) in the last 3 months with the following products:

Please note that within Secondary Care, all of these medications are supplied as bulk stock issues to ward areas, therefore we don't have correct patient numbers, we have only provided figures where patient-specific issue has occurred.

Drug	Secondary Care	Primary Care
	Patient numbers	Prescription Items
Baclofen	70	2,311
Tizanidine	<5	51
Dantrolene Sodium	<5	74
Diazepam	239	17,251
Sativex	0	50
Gabapentin	165	20,533
Botox	36	0
Dysport	51	0
Xeomin	27	0

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



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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.

Q2. For patients treated for Multiple Sclerosis in the last 3 months, how many patients have been treated with the following products:

- **Baclofen**
- **Tizanidine**
- **Dantrolene sodium**
- **Diazepam**
- **Sativex**
- **Gabapentin**
- **Botox**
- **Dysport**
- **Xeomin**

I can confirm that our Pharmacy systems do not hold this information down to diagnosis level. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of patient records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

Q3. For patients admitted for Stroke in the last 3 months, how many patients have been treated with the following products:

- **Baclofen**
- **Tizanidine**
- **Dantrolene sodium**
- **Gabapentin**
- **Botox**
- **Dysport**
- **Xeomin**

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Q4. For patients admitted for Spinal or Brain Trauma in the last 3 months, how many patients have been treated with the following products:



- **Baclofen**
- **Tizanidine**
- **Dantrolene sodium**
- **Gabapentin**
- **Botox**
- **Dysport**
- **Xeomin**

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Q5. Within your Health Board, how many patients have been treated (with any medication or procedure) in the past 12 months for the following conditions:

You clarified on 30th July 2021 that you were looking for the total number of patients treated for all 3 conditions, not the number admitted.

- **Multiple Sclerosis**
- **Stroke**
- **Spinal or brain trauma**

I can confirm that our systems do not hold this information centrally, we only hold by numbers of patients admitted to one of our hospitals. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pam Wenger', written in a cursive style.

On behalf of

Pam Wenger
Director of Corporate Governance

