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Swansea Bay University
Health Board

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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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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 30th July 2021. Your request sought information relating to knee and hip replacements.

You clarified on 17th August 2021 that you want the information for 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Please note that this is a count of operations, not patients or procedures. A patient may have been admitted more than once in this time frame, and more than one procedure may have been performed in each operation. Due to the way our systems update, some of the most recent months' data is may not yet be complete.

1. How may elective hip and knee replacements have taken place in your Health Board, broken down by month?

Month	Ops
Jan-19	67
Feb-19	87
Mar-19	68
Apr-19	72
May-19	61
Jun-19	56
Jul-19	48
Aug-19	42
Sep-19	43



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Oct-19	50
Nov-19	78
Dec-19	74
Jan-20	57
Feb-20	78
Mar-20	36
Apr-20	<5
May-20	<5
Jun-20	0
Jul-20	0
Aug-20	<5
Sep-20	6
Oct-20	16
Nov-20	15
Dec-20	10
Jan-21	7
Feb-21	32
Mar-21	19
Apr-21	19
May-21	38
Jun-21	31

2. How many elective hip and knee replacements were undertaken through the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee contract for independent sector capacity between March 2020 and December 2020, broken down by month?

I can confirm that Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold this information. I suggest you contact the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) on WHSSC.GeneralEnquiries@wales.nhs.uk who may be able to assist you.

Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of operations 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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