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Dear Mr Fryer

I write further to my letter of 24 February, and I am now writing to advise that our initial response did not contain all of the information available in response to your request. I have therefore provided a revised response below, and I should be grateful if you would accept my apologies for any inconvenience caused.

In the last twelve months how many patients have been treated for Ulcerative colitis?

440 patients were treated for ulcerative colitis during 2019. This figure represents the number of patients who presented at an emergency assessment unit with a primary diagnosis of ulcerative colitis.

Of these patients how many were treated with Entyvio (vedolizumab)?

The Health Board does hold information falling within the confines of your request; however, we are withholding this information and are using a Section 12 exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information you seek is not centrally recorded and would require a manual trawl of individual patient records and it has been estimated that to provide the level of information being sought would exceed the cost of compliance.

Section 12 provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004 represents the estimated costs of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the Health Board holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. If any part of the request exceeds the fees limit then Section 12 applies to the whole request.

In the last twelve months how many patients have been treated for Crohn's disease?

485 patients were treated for Crohn's disease during 2019. This figure represents the number of patients who presented at an emergency assessment unit with a primary diagnosis of Crohn's disease.

Of the patients how many were treated with Entyvio (vedolizumab)?

As above, the Health Board does hold information falling within the confines of your request; however, we are withholding this information and are using a Section 12 exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as the information you seek is not centrally recorded and would require a manual trawl of individual patient records and it has been estimated that to provide the level of information being sought would exceed the cost of compliance.

Once again, please accept my apologies that you were not initially provided with a full and complete response.

I hope that you find this information useful. If you are not satisfied that all of the information you have requested has been provided, or because of the way your request has been handled, you have the right to request a review. This would be looked into in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) guidelines, which state that a request for review should be received within two months of you receiving the Health Board's response to your request for information. The ICO also recommends that public authorities carry out internal reviews within 20 working days. Please contact Richard Bevan, Board Secretary, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Headquarters, St Cadoc's Hospital, Lodge Road, Caerleon, Newport, NP18 3XQ, email: Richard.Bevan@wales.nhs.uk in the first instance if you wish to request a review.

If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you have the right to take your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
2nd Floor
Churchill House
Churchill Way
Cardiff
CF10 2HH

Telephone: 029 2067 8400
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In the meantime, if you have any other queries please do not hesitate to contact Richard Bevan on the contact details provided above.

Yours sincerely



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