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Dear Ms Lace

### Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference FOI19-05-004

By way of providing further information regarding **Bariatric Surgery** as requested on 20 June 2019, please find the response received from the Surgical Specialities team at Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB).

The table below provides data around elective/emergency bariatric procedures by type and number undertaken in the financial years 2010/11 to 2018/19. Please note that this data refers to all hospital sites under ABMU which also includes patients that were outsourced to hospital sites outside of ABMU.

With regard to specific data around Body Mass Index (BMI), this information will need to be requested via the FOI team at SBUHB:  
[FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk)

In addition, I have been informed by the Surgical Specialities team at SBUHB that they do not hold specific data regarding whether a patient is a diabetic/non diabetic.

Where the source data indicated fewer than five patients, the symbol <5 has been used. We have done this because we consider that there is potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. We have relied upon section 40(2) of the Act in respect of this request.

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<b>Number of Elective/Emergency Bariatric Procedures in all ABMU sites</b>											
Elective or Emergency	Description	2010 /11	2011 /12	2012 /13	2013 /14	2014 /15	2015 /16	2016 /17	2017 /18	2018 /19	Grand Total
	Bypass Of Stomach By Anastomosis Of Stomach To Jejunum Nec	7	10	8	17	18	12	20	23	20	135
	Plastic Operations On Stomach, Other Specified				<5						<5
	Removal Of Gastric Band	<5	7	<5	7	<5	19	18	18	16	94
	Sleeve Gastrectomy Nec	<5	30	24	20	16	26	50	59	51	279
Elective Total		<b>11</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>509</b>
	Bypass Of Stomach By Anastomosis Of Stomach To Jejunum Nec	<5	10	<5	8	<5	10	<5	<5	<5	52
	Plastic Operations On Stomach, Other Specified		<5		<5	<5	<5				6
	Removal Of Gastric Band		6	6	<5	8	6	<5	<5	<5	40
	Sleeve Gastrectomy Nec		<5		<5	<5	<5	<5		<5	13
Emergency Total		<5	19	11	19	15	19	7	9	8	<b>111</b>
Grand Total		<b>15</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>620</b>

Please also note that 24 patients cancelled in 2018/19 due to Ward beds unavailable.

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Email: wales@ico.gsi.gov.uk

You should note, however, that the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted our internal complaints procedures before dealing with such an application. Further guidance may be found on the Information Commissioner's website  
<http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk>.

The Information Commissioner recommends that all public authorities should publish a disclosure log. Such logs allow the public and other interested parties to see questions which have already been asked and answered and to quickly identify information of interest. Please note that responses are routinely published and made available via the website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries

Yours sincerely

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