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Dear Mrs Rees

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 16th June 2014. Your request sought information relating to the following:

1. **Please can you let me know how many needle stick injuries have occurred in the past year within the Health Board.**
2. **Please can you let me know the device causing the injury and which staff group were involved. Also would you have the cost of injury pay outs?**

2013-14: Total

118 Sharps Injuries reported

2013-14: By Staff Group

Health Care Support Worker	6
Domestics	9
Laboratory/Pharmacy	5
Medical Staff	26
Nurse	35
Phlebotomist	4
Student	3
Professionals allied to Medicine e.g. Physios, Occupational Therapists etc.	2
Not recorded	28

2013-14: By Device Type

Blade	1
Butterfly	3

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Cannula	6
Giving set	1
Glass	1
Instrument	4
Insulin	18
Lancet	1
Microtome	2
Needle	49
Razor	1
Scalpel	6
Suture	11
Syringe	1
Venflon	3
Wire	1
Not recorded	9

2013-14: By Claims

For needlestick accidents that took place in the 2013-14 financial year payments of £13,713 have been made. There may be other potential claims being investigated and processed by the Health Board but it is too early to give a cost for these claims.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



Steve Combe
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