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Dear Ms Churchill

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, received on 27 April 2017, reference number **FOI 17162**. I can confirm that the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board has completed a search of its records and has established that it does hold information falling within the confines of your request. Please find below the response to your request.

I would like to make a freedom of information request. My request is from April 2006 until the present day/most recent figures. All relate to urine incontinence.

1 Do you use mesh implants to treat incontinence or prolapse?

Yes, the Health Board does use mesh implants to treat incontinence and prolapsed.

2 Do you use a vaginal tape to treat incontinence?

Yes, the Health Board does use vaginal tape to treat incontinence.

3 Do you use mesh to repair a prolapse?

Yes, the Health Board does use mesh to repair a prolapsed.

Unfortunately, for questions 4-11 we only have information recorded since and April 2007 and we have therefore provided this for you.

4 How many of these procedures have you performed since April 2006 M53.3 = introduction of a tension free vaginal tape?

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148 procedures have been performed since April 2007.

5 How many of these procedures have you performed since April 2006 M53.4 total removal of a tension free vaginal tape?

Fewer than five procedures have been performed since April 2007. The Health Board has sought to respond to your request in full; however, due to the small numbers involved, we are unable to provide actual numbers in relation to the specific procedures as the potential risk of identifying patients becomes significant. We are withholding the detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and Schedules 2 and 3 of the Act. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

6 How many of these procedures have you performed since April 2006 M53.5= partial removal of tension free removal tape?

11 procedures have been performed since April 2007.

7 How many of these procedures have you performed since April 2006 M53.6= introduction of a transobturator tape?

1,083 procedures have been performed since April 2007.

8 How many of these procedures have you performed since April 2006 M53.7 = removal of transobturator tape?

10 procedures have been performed since April 2007.

9 How many of these procedures have you performed since April 2006 P23.6?

119 procedures have been performed since April 2007.

10 How many of these procedures have you performed since April 2006 P23.7 = repair of prolapse using mesh reinforcement?

82 procedures have been performed since April 2007.

11 How many of these procedures have you performed since April 2006 P24.6 = repair of prolapse of the vagina with mesh using vaginal approach?

6 procedures have been performed since April 2007.

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 Health Board's Appeals Procedure. 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 pursue this option.

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:

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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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