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Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, received on 4 May 2018, reference number **FOI 18201**. 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 should also be grateful if you would accept my apology for the delay in responding to you.

How many women presented to the Health Board with problems relating to the use of vaginal mesh in 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18?

Fewer than five women have presented to the Health Board with problems relating to the use of vaginal mesh in each of the years specified. 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 problems as the potential risk of identifying patients becomes significant. Please note that where the numbers are fewer than 5 this has been provided as fewer than five individuals. 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 2018 and General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing set out in Principle 1 Article 5 (1) (a). This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

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.

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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 faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Glyn Jones', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Glyn Jones

Dirprwy Prif Weithredwr/Deputy Chief Executive

For and on behalf of Judith Paget, Chief Executive, and signed in her absence