

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.4830.20
<b>Subject:</b>	Cervical smear tests and cervical cancer
<b>Date of Request:</b>	22 December 2020

**Requested:**

1a. How many invitation letters for cervical smear tests were sent out each year for the last five years in the areas (2015-2020 inclusive, if possible). If any years are not possible, please fulfil the request for those that are possible. Equally, if information for some medical facilities is not available please fulfil the request for those that are available).

1b. With the same stipulations regarding years/ medical facilities, how many people were these letters sent to each year.

1c. Again with the same stipulations regarding years/ medical facilities how many of these people were transgender men (men who were born with female anatomy and have since birth undergone gender surgery)?

I would also like to request information about:

2a. What data is collected and/or stored by the board or to the board's knowledge regarding cervical cancer patients? Is any data collected and/ or regarding gender and gender at birth? If so what data is collected and/ or stored?

2b. What data is collected and/ or stored by the board or to the board's knowledge regarding the prevalence of cervical cancer among transgender men (men who were born with female anatomy)?

2c. What data is collected and/ or stored by the board or to the board's knowledge regarding the percentage of transgender men (men who were born with female anatomy) who are invited for cervical cancer smear tests?

Please could you share with me the above three data sets?

**Response:**

This information is already within the public domain; therefore, Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as the information is accessible by another means. The information for questions 1a and 1b, is available on the Public Health Wales (PHW) website.

For ease of reference please click on the attached links which will take you directly to the webpage:

<https://phw.nhs.wales/services-and-teams/cervical-screening-wales/information-resources/programme-reports/>

The 2019/20 Cervical Screening Wales (CSW) annual report is intended for future publication and is therefore exempt under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 22 can be applied when there is a clear intention to publish the information requested at the time the request was received. The CSW report for 2019/20 will be published on the PHW webpage provided above.

1c. The UHB confirms that it does not hold the information requested due to the current database used by CSW being unable to record anyone registered as male. Therefore, the UHB is unable to invite them for a cervical smear test. However, transgender individuals with a cervix are still able to access cervical screening.

The UHB is currently in the process of commissioning a new cervical screening database which is due to come on-line in 2021, this system will be able to record individuals registered as male who have a cervix. From the point of them having their first test the system will be able to identify the individuals and they will be re-invited for cervical smear screening at the appropriate intervals.

2. The UHB regrets to inform you that the information requested is not held. However, the ChemoCare team, who hold a central record of cancer treatments, is based within Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) may be able to provide the information requested.

We would therefore recommend that you redirect your request to the Freedom of Information Team in SBUHB who may be able to help you with your enquiry:-

[FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk) or alternatively, you can contact: FOIA Team, Swansea Bay University Health Board, Health Board Headquarters, 1 Talbot Gateway, Port Talbot, SA12 7BR.