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Requested:

Thank you very much for this – FOI.19097.25.

Please could you provide a breakdown by year of this?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the number of patients broken down by condition, due to the low number of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. Therefore, the UHB is withholding these details under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.

However, the UHB provides within the table overleaf, the number of Transvaginal Tape (TVT) and Transobturator Tape - Outside-In (TVT-O) vaginal mesh insertions undertaken, as recorded on the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) during the 2016 to 2025 calendar years.

Calendar year	Number	Calendar year	Number
2016	37	2021	0
2017	17	2022	0
2018	11	2023	0
2019	0	2024	0
2020	0	2025	0