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Requested:

1. How many individuals have presented to your health board in the last five years with complications related to hair transplants?
2. And how many of those complications resulted in treatment?

Could I please get the numbers for each year starting from 2020 and the number so far for 2026 if that is possible?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it has no record of patients having been admitted to its hospitals for complications relating to hair transplants on the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS), during the 2021/22 to 2025/26 financial years.

Additionally, the UHB is unable to provide you with the number of patients that attended an Accident and Emergency (A&E) department or received treatment for complications relating to hair transplants, during the 2021/22 to 2025/26 financial years, 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.