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Subject:	Keratoconus
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Requested:

1. How many patients in Hywel Dda applied for an IPFR (individual Patient Funding Request) for corneal cross linking in 2019?
And how many applications were approved?
2. How many patients in Hywel Dda applied for an IPFR (individual Patient Funding Request) for eye care in 2019?
And how many applications were approved?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested due to the low numbers of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 defines personal data as data which 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.