

Reference:	FOI.7777.22
Subject:	Male circumcision
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Requested:

1. How many male circumcisions were carried out by Hywel Dda University Board for period 1st January 2019 - 31st December 2019?
- 2a. I have been informed by NHS Scotland that male circumcision is available for religious and cultural reasons from period of 6 months to 9 months.

I am interested to know if Hywel Dda University Board informs parents throughout antenatal period and offers male circumcision for religious, cultural and secular reasons to parents.
- 2b. If it is not policy would you consider following policy of NHS Scotland offering procedure for no cost?
3. If the Health Board has financial budget restrictions is there any reason why Hywel Dda University Board cannot offer and charge for procedures due to a situation.
4. If an NHS organisation also provides private care, is this:
 - in a private room
 - in a different part of the building, or
 - at a clinic run after NHS hours

Clarified

Please could you provide information on both adults and children.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that 181 circumcision procedures were undertaken for both adults and children, during the calendar year 1 January to 31 December 2019.
- 2a. The UHB confirms that it does not offer circumcision for cultural or religious reasons, nor does it provide information on male circumcision during the antenatal period.
- 2b. The UHB can only provide the information it holds in a recorded form and cannot provide an opinion. Therefore, this part of your request does not fall within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) as determined under Section 8 of the FoIA.
3. The UHB confirms that capacity would be a constraint to offer these services.
4. The UHB confirms that it does not provide private care. Therefore, it does not have any private consultation rooms.