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Subject:	Motor Neurone Disease
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Requested:

Please provide the total number of people in your Health Board area that have been diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease between 1st April 2016 and 1st April 2021.

The information I have requested is held in GP systems which fall under Hywel Dda Health Board and is identified by running a clinical search by READ code for MND.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) can only provide the information it holds for Tenby Surgery, Ashgrove Medical Centre, Meddygfa Minafon and Meddygfa'r Sarn, as these GP Surgeries are directly managed by the UHB. A response has been provided overleaf.

The UHB does not hold the information for all GP Surgeries, with the exception of the Managed Practices, they are all managed independently. These GP Practices hold their own information and consequently, the UHB does not have access to all of the details you require. Therefore, this information would need to be requested directly from the individual GP Practices. Contact details for each of them can be found via the following link:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/862/directory/gps/>

The UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients diagnosed with MND in its Managed GP Practices, due to the low numbers of cases (5 and under), 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.