

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.6677.21
<b>Subject:</b>	Multiple Sclerosis (MS) patients
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**Requested:**

1. Are your patients coded for the different sub types of MS (multiple sclerosis), Relapse remitting, primary progressive and secondary?  
Please answer Yes, No, coding planned, partial coding, all patients coded
2. For secondary progressive MS are your patients coded?  
Please answer No coding, coding planned, partial coding, all patients coded
3. What proportion of your MS patients have a diagnosis of secondary progressive MS (within all MS diagnosed patients)?  
Please answer Unknown, <10%, 10-20%, 21-30%, 31-40%, >50%
4. For MS patients requiring an MRI, what is the average waiting time?  
Please answer <1 month, 2 – 3 months, 4 – 6 months, >6 months
5. For MS patients requiring an OCT, what is the average waiting time?  
Please answer <1 month, 2 – 3 months, 4 – 6 months, >6 months
6. For MS patients what is the average waiting time for IV MS treatment?  
Please answer <1 month, 2 – 3 months, 4 – 6 months, >6 months
7. When a patient has been diagnosed with MS, what is the average time from diagnosis of MS to initiate treatment?
8. How many unscheduled admissions have there been for patients with a diagnosis of MS in any position between April – June 2021?  
Please answer with the number of admissions
9. How many MS patients are being treated in neurology rehab?  
Please answer the number of patients
10. Of the patients in Question 8, how many are being treated with an MS disease modifying drug?  
Please answer with the number of patients
11. How many MS patients are in the following EDSS (Expanded Disability Status Scale) groups?  
1 – 3.5, 3.5 – 6.5, >7
12. How many of your physicians can initiate MS disease modifying drug treatment?  
If possible please supply the physicians name

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold the information requested.

The MS service is managed by Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB). Therefore, we recommend that you redirect your request to the Freedom of Information Team at SBUHB. The contact details are as follows:

[FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk) or alternatively, you can contact: FOIA Team, Swansea Bay University Health Board, Health Board Headquarters, 1 Talbot Gateway, Port Talbot, SA12 7BR.