

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.523.19
<b>Subject:</b>	Patients treated with Prolia (Denosumab 60mg)
<b>Date of Request:</b>	8 April 2019

### **Requested**

- How many patients were started on treatment with Prolia (Denosumab 60mg) in the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017?
- Of the above patients, how many were subsequently treated with Prolia (Denosumab 60mg) in the period of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018?
- Of these patients, how many were treated again with Prolia (Denosumab 60mg) in the period 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018?

### **Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the number of patients who were treated with Prolia (Denosumab 60mg) between 1 July 2017 and 31 December 2018, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate level” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate level” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or (2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the information being requested the UHB would be required to consult three different Health Board systems to identify the number of treatments issued, then cross reference this with patient records to identify initial treatments and subsequent treatments within the requested timeframes. The UHB has identified that 83 Prolia (Denosumab 60mg) pens were recorded as issued by the UHB’s pharmacy system (CASPA) between 1 July and 31 December 2018. It is estimated that to identify whether these alone were initial or subsequent treatments would take approximately 20.75 hours:

83 @ 15 minutes per patient record = 20.75 hours  
20.75 hours @ £25 per hours = £518.75

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act (2000), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the *appropriate limit*.