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**Requested:**

1. How many people applied to the Board for prior approval in order to undertake treatment or surgery outside of the UK and within the EEA in the three years previous for which you have information?
2. How many of these applications were granted?
3. How much money has the board reimbursed to those who successfully applied over this period?

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that thirty five (35) applications were submitted for prior approval to undertake treatment or surgery in another EU country, outside of the UK, during the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020.
2. The UHB confirms that twenty (20) prior approval applications were granted, during the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020.
3. The UHB confirms that of the twenty (20) granted applications, twelve (12) proceeded to undertake treatment or surgery, with a total reimbursement cost of £79,292.93 for the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2020.