

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.13365.23
<b>Subject:</b>	S2 funding applications for planned treatment in Europe
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**Requested:**

1. How many 'S2 - Funding for Planned Treatment in Europe' requests were made for the Hywel Dda UHB in each of the last six years please.
2. How many of these in each year were successful.
3. How many of these were in the field of Orthopaedic Surgery?
4. Which European Countries did they relate to?

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information prior to the 2021/22 financial year, as the S2 Funding for Planned Treatment in Europe requests only came into effect on the 31 December 2020, upon the United Kingdom (UK) leaving the European Union (EU) under Brexit. Therefore, the UHB provides the information it holds from the 2021/22 financial year.

1. & 2. The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the number of S2 - Funding for Planned Treatment in Europe requests that were made and were approved, during the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years and the period 1 April to 11 December 2023.

Financial year	Number	Approved
2021/22	0	0
2022/23	8	*
1 April to 11 December 2023	*	*

Where the figures in the table have been replaced with an asterisk (\*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (less than 5), 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 FoIA. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that 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.

3. The UHB confirms that all of the requests made related to orthopaedic treatment.
4. The UHB confirms that the European Countries the requests related to were Lithuania, Estonia, Poland and France. However, the only requests approved were to France.