

Reference:	FOI.2296.20
Subject:	'Top-Up Payments' for medications not available on the NHS
Date of Request:	10 January 2020

Requested:

1. How many patients have made 'Top-Up Payments' to the health board to receive medication not available on the NHS ie not approved by NICE or AWMSG? Please provide figures for the last 3 financial years, breaking down by year.
2. How much money has the health board received via 'Top Up Payments for medication not available on the NHS ie not approved by NICE or AWMSG? Please provide figures for the last 3 financial years, breaking down by year.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) can confirm that 'top-up payments' have been made by six (6) patients in total for the three financial years detailed within the table.

The UHB is unable to provide you with the number of patients in each year, as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed, due to low numbers. 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 (DPA) 2018 / General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2016, 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.

2. The table below provides the annual total received by the UHB in 'Top-Up Payments' for the requested timeframe. Please note the 2019/20 figure is representative of 1 April 2019 to 31 January 2020.

Financial Year	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Annual Total (£)	38,900.00	18,673.00	10,786.00