

Reference:	FOI.5514.21
Subject:	Treatment of Cerebral Palsy
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Requested:

1. At what centres/locations in Wales are cerebral palsy children and adolescents (up to age of 18 years) treated with botulinum toxin for spasticity?
If patients are referred to centres in England for botulinum treatment toxin please include these centres as well.
2. How many unique cerebral palsy children/adolescents (up to age of 18 years) were treated with botulinum toxin for spasticity at each centre named in the response to question 1 in 2019 and 2020?

If these data are unavailable how many unique cerebral palsy children/adolescents (up to age of 18 years) were seen for spasticity at each centre named in the response to question 1 in 2019 and 2020?

If unique data are or are not available please also provide the number of episodes or attendances.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) can only provide the information it holds.

We therefore suggest you contact the other Health Boards directly. Contact details can be found via the following links:

[Health in Wales | Local Health Boards](https://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/NHSTrustListing.aspx)

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1. The UHB provides, within the table below, the hospitals in Wales and England that, cerebral palsy children and adolescents are treated with botulinum toxin, for spasticity and spasticity arising from an acquired brain injury.

Hospitals in Wales	Hospitals in England
Glangwili General Hospital (GGH), Carmarthen (from 2020/21 only)	The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry
Withybush General Hospital (WGH), Haverfordwest	Birmingham Children's Hospital
Morrison Hospital, Swansea	

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of children and adolescents with cerebral palsy, that were treated with botulinum toxin for spasticity, at the UHB's hospitals, during the calendar years 2019 and 2020.

Hospital	2019	2020
GGH	Not applicable	0
WGH	26	*

Where the figure in the table has 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 (5 and under), 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 Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018/ General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), 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.