

## Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_55\_23

### You asked:

I am writing to request the following information about the S2 funding agreement with the EU/EEA/Switzerland.

The UK-EU Withdrawal Agreement, UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement and UK-Swiss Social Security Coordination Convention continue to give patients in the UK access to the S2 scheme, if they meet the criteria, in the European Union and Switzerland.

The deal gives reciprocal rights to access planned treatment in the UK for eligible residents of EU member states and Switzerland.

Please provide the following information:

### **1. How many applications from UK patients for pre-planned treatment abroad have you approved in the following years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.**

The following table details the number of applications from UK patients for pre-planned treatment abroad that the health board approved for the period 2019 -2022:

<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
0	0	0	**

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by \*\*. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. The data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

### **2. For patients requesting approval through the scheme, please provide the most frequently requested treatment type for each year: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.**

The most frequent requested treatment type is for orthopaedic treatment.

### **3. How many EU/EEA/Swiss patients have you approved for pre-planned treatment at your health board under the S2 scheme in the following years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.**

The Health Board has not received any requests from EU/EEA/Swiss patients who seek treatment within Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board for the period 2019 - 2022.

**4. For EU/EEA/Swiss patients requesting treatment at your board under the scheme, please provide the most frequently requested treatment type for each year: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022.**

Not applicable. Please see response to question 3.