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Dear Sir/Madam,

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_473_24

You asked:

This is an information request relating to Botox treatments administered by the NHS

Please include the following information for 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24:

1. Total expenditure by the Health Board on Botox treatments (Botulinum toxin injections) for all purposes, including cosmetic and medical treatments, for each financial year.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide information for the Financial Year 2020/21 due to the implementation of a new pharmacy system and we no longer have the necessary access to the previous system that enables us to run reports.

However, please find below the information Medicines Management are able to provide at this current time.

Medicine	2020/21		2021/22		2022/23		2023/24	
	£	Issues	£	Issues	£	Issues	£	Issues
Botox (All brands and all strengths)			100,536	656	108,837	689	132,405	832

2. Total number of people that received botox treatments for each financial year

We are unable to provide the number of patients treated and this is because not all stock is issued on the pharmacy system by patient name. However, to assist you with your request we have provided the number of issues instead (Please see table provided in response to question 1).

The detailed information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their ongoing care. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

3. A breakdown of the spending on Botox treatments by medical necessity (e.g., for conditions such as chronic migraines, muscle spasms, excessive sweating, etc.) versus cosmetic purposes (if any

such spending is applicable). In this breakdown include where on the body the treatment was administered.

The pharmacy system does not record the condition being treated therefore we are unable to provide any further breakdown information.