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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_48_25

Thank you for your request for information received on the 23 January 2025, regarding Plastic Surgery. Please find the response from Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board set out below:

You asked:

I would like to put in a Freedom of Information request to the Health Board for the following information on spend on both corrective surgery and on dealing with complications as a consequence of procedures carried out overseas.

1. How many people in total have had to have corrective surgery to deal with complications from surgery abroad in each of the following financial years: 2021-22; 2022-2023; 2023-2024, 2024- present?
2. How many surgical procedures have been carried out in total to revise or deal with complications from surgery carried out abroad in each of the financial years: 2021-22; 2022-2023; 2023-2024, 2024- present?
3. How much is the total spend, or failing that the estimated spend, to the health board of corrective surgeries to deal with complications from surgeries carried out abroad in each of the following financial years: 2021-22; 2022-2023; 2023-2024, 2024- present?
4. What types of corrective surgery have taken place to deal with complications from surgery that has taken place abroad in the last 5 financial years? E.g. bariatric, plastic, maxillofacial
5. What types of initial operation have taken place abroad (for example, gastric band surgery, breast reduction) have needed revision in Wales by NHS surgeons in the last 5 financial years?

Our response:

We can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information. The 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.

Whilst we do have 'complication of surgery' clinical codes (ICD 10), these would however be the same if the patient had the procedure in the UK.