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## Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

<b>FOI Reference:</b>	<b>FOI 408</b>
<b>Date request received</b>	<b>03 August 2020</b>
<b>Date information is due to be sent</b>	<b>31 August 2020</b>

### Information Requested:

I would like to know what happened to patient x who was seen in Singleton hospital (presumably) in 2007 the exact same year I had my operation. I would like to know if they went on to test positive for CJD. I would like to know if their initial operation in 2007 was a high risk operation in terms of it dealing with high risk areas such as a brain/spine/ophthalmic/ENT/tonsils. I would like to know taking patient x as the number 1 patient, what number I was in subsequent surgeries. I would like to know what sterilisation procedures were followed with the instruments. I would like to know how many times they had been sterilised between patient x and myself even though I know the prions/proteins survive routine sterilisation. I would like to know if any of the other patients notified (if I am one of only 38) have presented with any symptoms. I would like to know what tests would be available to me to check for the proteins that would be present eg. urine/blood/lumbar puncture. I would like to know the latest statistics for the prevalence of CJD via iatrogenic transmission (surgical instrument contact). I would also like to know how long in cases of iatrogenic transmission before first symptoms typically appear.

I would also like to know what type of CJD that patient x 2007 was at high risk of...in particular whether it was vCJD which in blood transfusions is reportedly transmittable. All my previous 'I would like to know' sentences/statements in my first email (incase they are not worded in a valid format) must please be considered as requests for information/knowledge in accordance with the freedom of information act

## **Information provided for the answer:**

Thank you for your recent request. Unfortunately, we do not hold the information requested as Public Health Wales does not hold medical records. Swansea Bay health board may hold the information you require, but may also have concerns about identifying patient x if they release any information.

They would however have access to your health record and may be in a better position to answer questions about you as an individual.

If you would like to contact the individual health boards to see if they are able to help you, I have included their details below for your convenience.

Swansea Bay University Health Board

<https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/about-us1/foia/>

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, you should write to the Corporate Complaints Manager, Public Health Wales NHS Trust, 3, Number 2, Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner for Wales

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