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**How many Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD) procedures have been carried out by Aneurin Bevan Health Board hospitals since 1 January 2018? Grateful if these could be broken down by year if possible, please.**

Please find below the Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD) procedures carried out by the Health Board by year:

Procedure	2018	2019	2020	2021	Jan-Jun 2022
G14.6 Fibreoptic endoscopic submucosal resection of lesion of oesophagus	-	-	-	-	-
G42.1 Fibreoptic endoscopic submucosal resection of lesion of upper gastrointestinal tract	<5	-	<5	-	-
H20.5 Fibreoptic submucosal resection of lesion of colon	6	<5	<5	9	6
H23.5 Endoscopic submucosal resection of lesion of lower bowel using fibreoptic sigmoidoscope	11	<5	6	-	<5
H26.6 Endoscopic submucosal resection of lesion of sigmoid colon using rigid sigmoidoscope	-	-	-	-	<5

Please note the Health Board has applied Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Health Board will not provide the exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The Health Board believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, 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 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.