

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-101	11 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
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**Under the Freedom of Information Act can I request the following information please?**

**1) Does your health board provide a thrombectomy service for stroke patients?**

Yes, the Health Board has an agreement with Southmead Hospital, Bristol who provide this service for our patients.

**2) If yes, are the services 24 hours a day 7 days a week?**

No

**3) What are the operating hours for the service and what is the procedure when the services are unavailable?**

- The hours are 08:00am to 17:00pm, 7 days a week.
- Outside of these hours patients would be given thrombolysis if they met the criteria.

**4) How many stroke patients have been able to have a thrombectomy in each of the following financial years?**

**2018-19**

**2019-20**

**2020-21**

**2021-to date 2022**

Please refer to Q5.

**5) How many patients have been transferred to an English Health Trust for a thrombectomy in each of the following financial years?**

2018 -19	No data available
2019 - 20	<5
2020 - 21	<5
2021 to date	17

Where less than five (5) patients have been identified, Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied as the Health Board cannot 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.