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Dear ,

ATISN 13228 – Patient Care following Day Surgery

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) received on 11 June 2019. You requested the following information and I have answered each question in order:-

- 1. Which organisation sets the policy on which operations are appropriate for day surgery*
- 2. Which organisation sets the policy for setting standards of post day surgery care*
- 3. Which organisation/s is/are accountable for delivering post day surgery care*
- 4. Which organisation is accountable for monitoring the implementation and maintenance of these policy standards?*

The Royal College of Surgeons along with the British Association of Daycase Surgery set the policy and it is the responsibility of local health boards in Wales to implement and monitor this policy.

- 5. Actual number of day surgeries conducted per year for the last 10 years in Wales*

NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS) publishes data showing numbers of day case surgical procedures in Wales which can be accessed via the following link:
<http://www.infoandstats.wales.nhs.uk/page.cfm?orgid=869&pid=41010&subjectlist=Principal+Procedure+%284+character+detail%29&patientcoverlist=Welsh+Providers&period=0&keyword=&action=Search>

- 6. Actual number of reported Post Surgery Infections per year for the last 10 years in Wales*

Welsh Government does not hold this information. It may be available from Public Health Wales (PHW). Contact details are :-

Public Health Wales
2 Capital Quarter
Tyndall Street
Cardiff

CF10 4BZ

Tel: 029 2022 7744

Email: general.enquiries@wales.nhs.uk

7. *Actual number of District Nurses employed (Full Time Equivalents) per year for the last 10 years in Wales*

This information is published by Welsh Government and available via the link below.

:- <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/statistics-and-research/2019-03/staff-directly-employed-by-the-nhs-30-september-2018-167.pdf>

Specific information regarding the number of District Nurses employed is also included in annex 1 attached.

8. *Actual number of planned post day surgery District Nurse patient appointments per year for the last 10 years in Wales*

Welsh Government does not hold this information.

9. *Any studies on how effective is a blood test for detecting post-surgery infection, and when is the earliest that the test could be conducted to provide a reliable indication.*

Welsh Government does not hold this information. It may be available from Public Health Wales (PHW). Contact details provided above.

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Information Rights Unit
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Or email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely,