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Dear ,

ATISN 11885 – RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION

Thank you for your letter of 3 January to the Welsh Government requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In answer to your enquires:

1) How long has the pathway for treating Welsh patients requiring radiofrequency ablation (RFA) at Gloucester been operational?

The Welsh Government does not hold this information. Please contact the health boards responsible for delivering this service.

2) What similar arrangements, if any, are operating in other parts of Wales, and for how long?

Patients in north and mid Wales may be referred to Liverpool. Patients in Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board may access an alternative treatment (Argon Plasma Coagulation) locally. The Welsh Government does not hold the rest of the information. Please contact the health boards responsible for delivering this service.

3) For the Gloucester pathway described in 1) above, please provide the figures for the number of patients receiving treatment since its inception and the average waiting times for patients between referral and initial commencement of treatment.

The Welsh Government does not hold this information. Please contact the health boards responsible for delivering this service.

4) For the Gloucester pathway described in 1) above, please provide the costs to the Welsh Government for the treatment since its inception.

The Welsh Government does not directly fund any treatments. The Welsh Government does not hold the rest of the information. Please contact the health boards responsible for delivering this service.

- 5) In seeking to help the Welsh Government meet its stated operations in this area, the health boards acting individually or in partnership will have submitted the business case for such provision to be made locally. Please provide the criteria against which any such bid was considered and the grounds for any such referral.**

The Welsh Government does not hold this information. Please contact the health boards responsible for delivering this service.

Here is a link to the health board contact details:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/ourservices/directory/LocalHealthBoards>

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Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Email: FreedomofInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

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

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Yours sincerely,