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Dear Rhun,

Thank you for your recent Written Questions asking the Welsh Government publish the number of surgical day cases and the number of surgical inpatient cases carried out in Wales for each month in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Please find a response to your questions attached respectively at Annex A and Annex B.

I hope you find this response helpful.

Yours sincerely

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Annex A – Surgical day cases

The data below was provided by Digital Health and Care Wales on 16th June 2021.

These data are not to be considered final and will be revised in-line with normal data resubmission processes. Data for 2020 and 2021 will be particularly impacted by future revisions owing to a data coding backlog following the COVID-19 pandemic. Normal data resubmission processes, will mean that data for the most recent months are an undercount.

The number of surgical day cases carried out in

Wales for each month in 2019, 2020 and 2021

	2019	2020	2021
January	22,519	23,967	11,628
February	21,030	22,148	12,707
March	22,861	16,003	14,959
April	20,931	3,868	11,090
May	22,648	5,146	
June	21,369	8,038	
July	23,122	10,026	
August	20,736	9,269	
September	21,698	11,426	
October	23,994	12,435	
November	21,807	12,699	
December	19,297	11,634	
Total	262,012	146,659	50,384

**Source: Patient Episode Database for Wales (PEDW),
Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW), 16 June 2021**

Notes:

Based on Welsh Providers - Include episodes of patient treatment in NHS hospitals in Wales and will include Welsh residents and also any non-Welsh residents who have been treated in Wales.

Episode end date between 01 January 2019 and 30 April 2021.

Count of Finished Consultant Episodes (FCEs)

Number of FCEs where a surgical intervention has been carried out during a daycase admission.

Daycase based on Patient class code = 2 - Daycase admission.

Annex B – Surgical inpatient cases

The data below was provided by Digital Health and Care Wales on 16th June 2021.

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The number of surgical inpatient cases carried out in

Wales for each month in 2019, 2020 and 2021

	2019	2020	2021
January	21,100	20,113	15,465
February	19,884	19,080	15,051
March	20,783	16,895	16,173
April	20,268	11,452	11,187
May	20,893	13,816	
June	19,494	15,945	
July	21,226	18,199	
August	20,336	17,735	
September	20,136	18,517	
October	21,357	17,887	
November	19,887	16,543	
December	19,174	16,503	
Total	244,538	202,685	57,876

**Source: Patient Episode Database for Wales (PEDW),
Digital Health and Care Wales (DHCW), 16 June 2021**

Notes:

Based on Welsh Providers - Include episodes of patient treatment in NHS hospitals in Wales and will include Welsh residents and also any non-Welsh residents who have been treated in Wales.

Episode end date between 01 January 2019 and 30 April 2021.

Count of Finished Consultant Episodes (FCEs)

Number of FCEs where a surgical intervention has been carried out during a patients inpatient stay.

Inpatient admission based on Patient class code = 1 -
Inpatient admission.