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FOR ANSWER BY
THE CABINET SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire): Will the Cabinet Secretary provide figures on the number of people in each local health board who have been treated for alcohol-related brain damage for each of the last five years? WAQ76850

Vaughan Gething: The table below shows the number of people who have been admitted to hospital with any mention of alcohol related brain damage (ARBD) between 2012 and 2017.

We are working to increase awareness and better diagnosis of ARBD. Over the period below much work has been done within the field, including the appointment of alcohol liaison leads within emergency departments, leading to increased identification and referral to care particularly amongst vulnerable populations (problematic alcohol users) leading to increased diagnosis. It is anticipated that with the new Substance Misuse Treatment Framework on ARBD, which is currently being developed, diagnosis will increase initially, leading to greater identification and access to specialist care for those in need.

Number of Patients Admitted to Welsh Hospitals with Any Mention of Alcohol-Related Brain Damage, 2012-2017

Local Health Board	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Local Health Board	33	38	59	52	56	75
Aneurin Bevan University Local Health Board	42	45	41	39	58	78
Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board	76	59	62	52	62	59
Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board	44	35	29	39	35	48
Cwm Taf University Local Health Board	34	33	39	32	39	43
Hywel Dda University Local Health Board	23	28	32	31	23	24
Powys Teaching Local Health Board	2	4	3	2	5	1
Velindre NHS Trust	1	1	2	1	4	7
Total	255	243	267	248	282	335

Source: NHS Wales Informatics Service (NWIS)

ICD10 CODES
E512 - Wernicke's encephalopathy
F106 - Mental and behavioural disorders due to use of alcohol - Amnesic syndrome

F107 - Mental and behavioural disorders due to use of alcohol - Residual and late-onset psychotic disorder
G312 - Degeneration of nervous system due to alcohol
G621 - Alcoholic polyneuropathy