

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/20/306**

**Breast Surgery**

**Request details**

I am requesting this information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am trying to establish the number of women living "flat" following surgery to remove both breasts (either at the same time or one at a time), who have not undergone reconstructive surgery for whatever reason.

Would it be possible for you to provide the number of women at your trust who have breast cancer surgery and have had bilateral mastectomies WITHOUT reconstruction?

**Response details**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) can advise that a patient may have a single mastectomy and a further one in a subsequent admission which may occur in a different year. As such, the UHB has referenced the last five years (January 2015 to August 2020).

The UHB can advise that 37 patients who have had a Bilateral Mastectomy or two separate hospital admissions resulting in a double Mastectomy – **who have not** had a reconstruction produced in the same period in the UHB.

Please note that a patient may have had a single mastectomy elsewhere and a further one in the UHB or Reconstruction Surgery elsewhere i.e. private or in another Health Board.