

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/478

Sepsis

Request Details

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

I would like to request the following information:

- 1. During the period of April 2019 – October 2019**
 - a) How many patients died from Sepsis?**
 - b) How many patients suffered a Sepsis related injury?**

- 2. During the period of April 2020 – October 2020**
 - a) How many patients died from Sepsis?**
 - b) How many patients suffered a Sepsis related injury?**

Response Details

Questions 1 & 2

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) can confirm that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual patient records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

To comply with our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, the UHB is able to provide you with the following information. Please note that this information has been sourced using coded clinical data. Coded clinical data does not represent the cause of a patient's death. Therefore, the below figures relate to patients who have died during an admission which has been assigned with a diagnosis code of sepsis, regardless whether this has been the main condition treated or investigated. For the avoidance of doubt, this will include patients where sepsis may not be the cause of death.

	April 2019 – October 2019	April 2020 – October 2020
Death	165	116