

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/20/056

Iron Infusion

Request details

1. How many patients have received an iron infusion in the last 12 months?

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual 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.

Under our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, I would like to inform you that the number of infusions we give per year is approximately 340 (and this is static over 10 years) although these are not all different patients as venofer is given as a course and some patients may get more than 1 course in a year.

2. How many patients have been treated with Monofer and how many with Ferinject?

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Under our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, I would like to inform you that 43grams of iron in ferrinject, 128 grams of iron in cosmofer and 40 grams of iron as venofer were given. We didn't give any monofer.

3. What was the average weight of these patients?

67kgs

4. How many patients required more than 1 gram of iron?

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5. How many nurses and for what days and hours are your Iron infusion clinics available?

The UHB give iron infusions in the University Hospital of Llandough on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The patients are seen alongside other haematology patients and so the UHB do not have a specific nursing establishment for these patients alone.