

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/063
Prescribed Opioids

Request details

I would like to make the following request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

- 1. Over the last five years, or if later than five years from whenever records were kept, how many people were prescribed an opioid within your health board area?**

Also, please could you provide a year by year breakdown of the figures?

- 2. How many people have been taking a prescribed opioid for more than:**
 - **Three Years?**
 - **Five Years?**
 - **Ten Years?**

Response details

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.