

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/249**  
**Funding Arrangements for Patients Having to Travel and/or Stay Outside the Area for**  
**Specialist Treatment**

**Request details**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to make a request in relation to the matter detailed above. Please disclose all policies, guidance, and instructions, including terms, conditions, eligibility, and format/method of payment, held by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board with regards to:

1. Up-front funding for or reimbursement of travel available for patients and escorts of patients receiving Terminations of Pregnancy, both under nationally-directed schemes and any other provisions;
2. Up-front funding for or reimbursement for overnight stays available of patients and escorts of patients receiving Terminations of Pregnancy;
3. Where different to (1) above, up-front funding for or reimbursement of travel available for patients and escorts of patients receiving non-primary care, both under nationally-directed schemes and any other provisions; and
4. Where different to (2) above, up-front funding for or reimbursement of overnight stays available for patients and escorts of patients receiving non-primary care;

Further, please disclose:

5. The 2020-21 Cardiff and Vale University Health Board budget for up-front funding for or reimbursement of travel and overnight stays for patients receiving:
  - a. Terminations of pregnancy; and
  - b. Non-primary care

**Response details**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) reimburses for patient travel as per Welsh Government policy please find this attached. There is no specific or discrete budget for travel/overnight stays 'out of area' for termination of pregnancy services. However, the UHB do hold a central annual budget for all travel costs, which is £165k. In relation to financial support available, patients can access the Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme (Wales), subject to eligibility criteria. Further information is available via the following link:

<http://www.healthcosts.wales.nhs.uk/travel-costs>