

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/266

Cauda Equina

Request details

I would like to know the number of claims with 'Cauda Equina' in the Incident Description field for the last 12 months - 2018/2019 (or the last recorded 12-month period), additionally, if possible, which health care professions were involved in these claims.

Response details

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) can advise that there have been 2 cases opened in the last 12 months with Cauda Equina.

With regards to which health care professions were involved after considering your request, the UHB believes that Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies. Due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less), the UHB believes that, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, disclosure would result in the risk of individuals becoming identifiable. The data requested is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.