

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/435

### Medication for Acne

#### **Request Details**

I am writing to make a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please state, in the form of a yearly breakdown for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 (up to the most recent month of available information for Cardiff and Vale University Health Board:

- 1. The number of people prescribed medication for acne purposes - please break down and identify gender, age, and ethnicity of patients**
- 2. Identify the name of what drug was prescribed and in what quantity**
- 3. Where possible, please identify the length of prescription per patient, if acne is identified as moderate or severe**
- 4. Please identify the cost of prescribed product**
- 5. Please include any contraceptive medication prescribed to women with acne or skin issues stated as the reason: eg. combined oral contraceptive pills such as Cilest, Rigevidon, Microgynon, Marvelon, Yasmin, Logynon, Microgynon ED.**

Please break down information per geographical area if possible eg. GP practice, trusts, sexual health clinics.

#### **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.

To comply with our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, please follow the link below to obtain data in respect of GP prescribing;

<http://www.primarycareservices.wales.nhs.uk/data-publications>