

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/20/444
Prescribed Medication

Request Details

I have a freedom of information request that I need your help with. I understand the pressures the entire NHS is currently under, but I would greatly appreciate your assistance. Could you please answer the questions below?

1. How many patients has your trust treated in the last 12 months with the following drugs?

- Octreotide - 85
- Lanreotide - 68
- Pasireotide - 0
- Pegvisomant - 1
- Genotropin - 8
- Humatrope - 2
- Norditropin - 39
- Nutropin - 0
- Omnitrope - 8
- Saizen - 0
- Zomacton - 1

2. Please provide the number of patients under the age 16 that were treated in the last 12 months with each of the following drugs:

- Genotropin
- Humatrope
- Norditropin
- Nutropin
- Omnitrope
- Saizen
- Zomacton

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 UHB is unable to provide data regarding the age of the patients treated with the medications listed as the pharmacy system does not record the age of the patient.

3. How many patients have been treated in the last 12 months with the following drugs for Acromegaly (ICD10 code E22.0) ONLY?

- Sandostatin LAR
- Octreotide Long-Acting (Generic)
- Somatuline Autogel
- Pasireotide

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