

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/21/320
Fast Track Continuing Healthcare in Cardiff and Vale

Request Details

Question 1: During the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 how many applications for Fast Track Continuing Healthcare did your health board / Trust receive?

Setting	18/19	19/20	20/21
Hospice at Home	261	219	286
Nursing placement in a Care Home	182	206	147
Package of care in own home/community setting	192	226	285
Total	635	651	718

*we can only provide information on how many fast track applications we either commissioned or provided Hospice at Home services to in those years.

Question 2: During the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 how many applications for Fast Track Continuing Healthcare did your health board / Trust fund?

Setting	18/19	19/20	20/21
Hospice at Home	261	219	286
Nursing placement in a Care Home	182	206	147
Package of care in own home/community setting	192	226	285
Total	635	651	718

Question 3: During the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, how many applications for Fast Track continuing healthcare did your health board / Trust reject?

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board does not collate or record this information.

Question 4: During the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, what were the main reasons for rejecting Fast Track continuing healthcare applications?

Please see question 3.

Question 5: What was the average time period in your Health Board / Trust in days/ hours from the point at which a Fast Track Continuing Healthcare application is received to the care package being provided for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21?

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.

Question 6: What was the average time period in days/hours from the point at which a Fast Track CHC application is approved to the care package being provided for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21?

Please see question 5.

Question 7: What arrangements were made by your health board / Trust in relation to Fast Track Continuing healthcare during the Covid Pandemic during the financial years 2020/21?

No additional specific arrangements were made, cases were approved and managed as per the existing protocol/framework in that assessments were undertaken, approved and packages funded in a timely fashion; no specific delays were noted as a result of the pandemic, although an increase in fast track processes and packages were noted.