

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/21/324**  
**Chronic Fatigue Syndrome**

**Request Details**

Can you please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000?

This query relates to services for people suffering with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

1. For the financial years i) 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019, ii) 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020, iii) 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021 please indicate the number of patients in your NHS Trust with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

Patients per Year			
	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Patients</b>	88	62	63
By Age Group			
Patients per Age Group	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
<b>Child</b>	*	0	*
<b>Adult</b>	87	62	62

\*\* Please note that Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied where information in the above table has been replaced with an asterisk. The UHB will not provide these exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The UHB believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data 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.

2. If your Trust deals with both adults and children, then please indicate numbers for both of these patient groups the financial years i) 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019, ii) 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020, iii) 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021.

Please see table above.

3. Please outline what services and clinics are available within the trust for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board do not hold this data. Under our Section 16 obligation, to provide advice and assistance, I can inform you that Internal Medicine would cover the majority of patients such as Stroke, Respiratory, and Care of the Elderly, which would incorporate elements of fatigue in their care.

**4. If there are services available could you please indicate the length of the current waiting list?**

Please see question 3.

**5. Does the Health Board have plans to open any new Chronic Fatigue Syndrome services? If yes please provide details.**

There are no plans at present to set up a Chronic Fatigue Syndrome service.