

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/21/327**

**Melatonin Prescriptions**

**Request Details**

- 1. I am looking for some information about the number of melatonin prescriptions that have been issued for children up to age 18, for the last 5 years**

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.

- 2. How much the health board currently has spent yearly, on melatonin prescriptions for the last five years?**

<b>June 2016 - May 2017</b>	£44,267.31
<b>June 2017 - May 2018</b>	£40,765.39
<b>June 2018 - May 2019</b>	£39,853.46
<b>June 2019 – May 2020</b>	£52,451.71
<b>June 2020 – May 2021</b>	£51,769.07