

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/21/338

Treatment of Spasticity

Request Details

Hello Cardiff and Vale University Health Board,

We are analysing the treatment of spasticity and we would greatly appreciate it if you could please answer the following questions;

Q1. How many patients have been treated (for any condition) in the last 3 months with the following products:

Baclofen	149
Tizanidine	*
Dantrolene sodium	*
Diazepam	256
Sativex	*
Gabapentin	247
Botox	48
Dysport	7
Xeomin	*

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.

Q2. For patients treated for Multiple Sclerosis in the last 3 months, how many patients have been treated with the following products:

- Baclofen
- Tizanidine
- Dantrolene sodium
- Diazepam
- Sativex
- Gabapentin
- Botox
- Dysport
- Xeomin

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 trawl 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.

Q3. For patients admitted for Stroke in the last 3 months, how many patients have been treated with the following products:

- Baclofen
- Tizanidine
- Dantrolene sodium
- Gabapentin
- Botox
- Dysport
- Xeomin

Please see question 2.

Q4. For patients admitted for Spinal or Brain Trauma in the last 3 months, how many patients have been treated with the following products:

- Baclofen
- Tizanidine
- Dantrolene sodium
- Gabapentin
- Botox
- Dysport
- Xeomin

Please see question 2.

Q5. Within your trust, how many patients have been treated (with any medication or procedure) in the past 12 months for the following conditions:

- Multiple Sclerosis
- Stroke
- Spinal or brain trauma

Please see question 2.