

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/21/349**  
**Children with Obesity**

**Request Details**

I would like to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

- 1. The number of children under 18 admitted to hospitals in Wales because of obesity in the calendar years of 2019, 2020 and 2021 (up until the most recent figures).**
- 2. Please provide a breakdown of age if possible.**

Please provide details of the individual's weight at the time of referral if possible

**Response Details**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board cannot confirm from a diagnosis if a patient is admitted "due" to obesity as opposed to admitted "with" obesity.

After considering your request, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) believes that Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies. Due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less), the UHB believes that, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, disclosure would result in the risk of individuals becoming identifiable. The data requested 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.