

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/22/168**

**Black Alerts**

**Information Requested:**

I write about an FOI on the number of black alerts issued in your health board area since 2017. I would be grateful if you could let me know the following information:

1. How many Level 5 incidents / "black alerts" were issued by the health board in 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and so far in 2022?
2. How many Level 4 incidents / "red alerts" were issued by the health board in 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and so far in 2022?
3. If possible, a breakdown of the Levels 4 and 5 incidents by hospital and month in the years listed above?

**Response Details**

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 of reports 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.