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Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/079

Do Not Resuscitate

I write about a Freedom of Information request on the number of Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Orders and would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. How many patients with COVID-19 had a DNR order on their file between March 2020 and January 2022?

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 many patients with COVID-19 with a DNR order on their file died from COVID between March 2020 and January 2022?

Please see above.

3. How many patients with a DNR order on their file with COVID-19 provided consent or were given consent through their families or carers (or if you are unable to answer, how many DNR orders were filed as "incomplete")?

Please see above.

4. How many of these patients had a learning disability?

Please see above.

