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University Health Board

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/22/014
Electroconvulsive Therapy and Depression

Information Requested:

- 1. How many patients have received the following treatments (for any condition) in the past 12 months:**

Electro-convulsive therapy (ECT)	33
Esketamine nasal spray	0
Ketamine infusion	1
r-TMS therapy	0

- 2. For patients receiving electro-convulsive therapy in the past 12 months, how many patients were under treatment for:**

Major depressive disorder	
Other mental health conditions	

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.

Under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance I can inform you that diagnosis changes and can cross over with different diagnoses so to elicit all this information from a small team would be difficult to deliver, even within an 18 hour timescale- each would require an individual search of the records of each individual record for a diagnosis, also, I understand some of these patients are from Cwm Taf UHB and therefore we may not have full access to the information.

- 3. How many patients with Major Depressive Disorder have been treated by your Organisation in the past 12 months?**

Please see above.

