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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/053**  
**Iron Therapy in Anaemia**

**Information Requested:**

I am researching the use of iron therapy in anaemia, in particular to understand the medical conditions and surgical procedures for which iron treatments are being used. I would greatly appreciate it if you could answer the following 3 questions:

**Q1. How many patients have been treated in the last 6 months (for any disease) with the following products?**

Feraccru (ferric maltol capsules)	0
Ferinject (ferric carboxymaltose injection/infusion)	51
Monofer (ferric derisomaltose injection)	145
Cosmofer (iron dextran injection)	280
Venofer (iron sucrose injection)	19
Any of the above 5 products	455

Please note the above represents the UHB's centrally held record of patients treated with these products. However, as some of these medicines are kept as stock in clinical areas, the number of patients actually treated may be greater than shown in this table.

**Q2. For the patients treated in the last 6 months with any of products listed in Q1, how many patients were diagnosed (at any point in the last 12 months) with the following?**

- **Chronic Kidney Disease (ICD10 code – N.18)**
- **Heart Failure (ICD10 code – I.50)**
- **Inflammatory Bowel Disease (ICD10 codes – K.50 to K.52)**
- **Malignant neoplasms (ICD10 codes C.00 to c.96)**
- **Post-Partum Haemorrhage (ICD10 code O.72)**

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





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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 the patients treated in the last 6 months with any of products listed in Q1, how many patients undertook the following elective surgeries at any point in the last 12 months?**

- **Primary Hip Replacement (OPCS codes W371, W381 and W941)**
- **Hysterectomy (OPCS codes Q074 and Q075)**
- **Colorectal Resection (OPCS codes H071, H0712, H073, H074, H333 and H336)**
- **Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (OPCS code K453)**
- **Cardiac Valve Surgery (OPCS codes K262 and K255)**

Please see above.

