

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/287

Antifungal Treatment

Information Requested:

I would be grateful if you would please answer the following questions concerning antifungal treatment within your organisation.

- 1) What is the number of patients in the last 12 months treated with the following product lines:**
 - a) Anidulafungin – ***
 - b) Caspofungin – 77**
 - c) Micafungin – 0**

*After considering your request, 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.

- 2) What is the split of indication over the last 12 months for the following product lines:**
 - a) anidulafungin**
 - b) caspofungin**
 - c) micafungin**

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.

- 3) For each of the indication splits of the 3 product lines mentioned previously (anidulafungin, caspofungin, and micafungin from Q2) list the average length of treatment time.**

Please refer to the above response.