

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/562
Caesarean Sections

Information Requested:

I would be grateful for Caesarean section, episiotomy, third-degree tear rates and numbers in childbirth please, from the year before Trust status was granted, to the most recent year for which you have data.

Response details:

	*Total no. of deliveries (not Births)	Total EMCS & ELCS	Total of Episiotomy	Total 3 rd degree
2014	5895	1281	1140	128
2015	5824	1320	1142	144
2016	5868	1353	1155	108
2017	5626	1294	993	111
2018	5495	1419	788	111
2019	5246	1403	827	109
2020	5290	1415	936	90
2021	5392	1620	922	85

*Please note that these are for registerable births only

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that data prior to 2014 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.