

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/512**

**Spirometry**

**Information Requested:**

1. What proportion of GP practices are doing spirometry themselves for annual respiratory reviews?
2. What proportion of GP practices are doing spirometry themselves for breathless patients without a diagnosis?
3. What proportion of patients on asthma and COPD registers have spirometry documented in the last 3 years?

**Response details:**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information. Under Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that the last time spirometry was referenced in the GMS contract was the 2018-19 year under the Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF), and even then there was not a requirement for the spirometry to have taken place in primary care (it only asks for the number of patients whose diagnosis of COPD had been confirmed with spirometry, and makes no reference to the GP practice having to have made that diagnoses).

As a result of spirometry not being included in the current contract, the primary care team do not actively monitor its provision or collect any data on the number of patients who have had spirometry.