

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/445

Ketamine Misuse

Information Requested:

1. How many patients have you admitted in the past five years suffering from the effects of Ketamine misuse? (Please provide an annual breakdown)

2. Of these patients, how many were under:

a. 25 years old?

b. 50 years old?

(Please provide an annual breakdown):

3. Over the past five years, how many patients have been found suffering from 'Ketamine bladder syndrome'?

4. How many patients using Ketamine have been referred to your Substance Misuse Services in the past five years? (Please provide an annual breakdown)

5. What is the current waiting time for inpatient treatment at a Detoxification and Rehabilitation facility for drug and alcohol abuse in your Health Board Area, funded by the NHS?

6. Does your Health Board have a specialist urology clinic? If so, where?

Response Details:

In response to questions 1-4:

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 patient 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.

5. The current waiting time for inpatient detoxification is 4 weeks.
6. You may find the following link of use: <https://cavuhb.nhs.wales/our-services/urology/>