

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/23/662

Palliative Care

Information Requested:

- An numerical overview on the demographics of those that uptake Palliative Care
 - A breakdown of this into ethnicity, and if possible religion and culture.
- Any additional supplementary materials, datasets, or analyses you deem appropriate to the study's investigation

Response Details:

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) only holds information about those patients who are inpatients at University Hospital Wales (UHW) and University Hospital Llandough (UHL) who are referred to the Palliative Care team for palliative care during their stay. This will not be the complete population of patients accessing palliative care.

The UHB commissions community palliative care from two independent providers: Marie Curie Hospice (Vale of Glamorgan) and City Hospice (Cardiff). The UHB does not have access to the information held by these hospices.

However, in accordance with our duty to advise and assist under section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the UHB can advise the following.

For the period April 2022 to March 2023, the Palliative Care teams across UHW and UHL received 1,559 referrals after discounting those patients for whom advice only was provided.

Of these 1,559 patients' ethnicity data:

- Not recorded for 1,058 patients.
- White British: 477
- White Irish: *
- Other White: 10
- Mixed White/Black Caribbean: *
- Mixed White/Black African: *
- Other mixed: *
- Indian: *
- Pakistani: *
- Bangladeshi: *
- Other Asian: *
- Chinese: *
- Black Caribbean: *

Please note that section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied where information in the above list has been replaced with an asterisk. Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) will not provide these exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The UHB believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data 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 with regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of the 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.

Caution is advised that if also seeking information regarding palliative care across the whole of the Cardiff and Vale area including Community patients, the figures may cause some patients to be double counted as they may already be known to the Community team or are referred to Community by the Palliative Care team on discharge.