

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/046**

**Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome**

**1. The number of diagnoses per year over as many years as you have data on.**

2017/2018	4
2018/2019	1
2019/2020	5
2020/2021	4
2021/2022	2
2022/2023	1, as of 11/01/2023.

**2. How many infants received treatment post diagnosis? What treatment was given? For how long? How long were the infants admitted to the hospital?**

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.

**3. Any information regarding feeding, sleeping, crying, breathing, temperature, sensory processing (auditory testing, eye testing etc),**

The UHB believes that Section 12 applies to this request, please see the exemption set out above.

**4. Were birth parents involved in the further treatment and did the infant get discharged home to the birth parents or a foster parent?**

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**5. Were there readmissions after being discharged, were long-term data kept such as further developmental delays, further developed diagnoses/disorders?**

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