

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/047

Aspergillosis and Mucormycosis

1. In the last 12 months, how many patients have been treated (for any condition) with the following drugs?

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Amphotericin B (Ambisome)	28
Caspofungin	96
Isavuconazole	9
Posaconazole	98
Voriconazole	58

Please note: The Amphotericin is Ambisome brand, but the UHB IS unable to confirm any brands for Caspofungin, Isavuconazole Posaconazole or Voriconazole.

2a. In the last 12 months, how many hospital inpatients were diagnosed with Aspergillosis (ICD10 code: B44)?

All Inpatients in period 1st Jan 22 - 31st Dec 22 coded with diagnosis of Aspergillosis: 32

Distinct Inpatients in period 1st Jan 22 - 31st Dec 22 coded with diagnosis of Aspergillosis: 26

NB: Based on a diagnosis in any diagnosis position in all Episodes. Based on Coding as of: 15 Feb 2023

2b. Of the above patients diagnosed with Aspergillosis in the last 12 months, how many patients were treated with the following drugs:

- Amphotericin B (Ambisome)
- Caspofungin (Cancidas)
- Isavuconazole (Cresemba)
- Posaconazole (Noxafil)
- Voriconazole (VFEND)

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 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.

3a. In the last 12 months, how many hospital inpatients were diagnosed with Mucormycosis (ICD10 code: B46)?

All Inpatients in period 1st Jan 22 - 31st Dec 22 diagnosed with Mucormycosis: 0

Distinct Inpatients in period 1st Jan 22 - 31st Dec 22 coded with diagnosis of Mucormycosis: 0

NB: Based on a diagnosis in any diagnosis position in all Episodes. Based on Coding as of: 15 Feb 2023

3b. Of the above patients diagnosed with Mucormycosis in the last 12 months, how many patients were treated with the following drugs:

- **Amphotericin B (Ambisome)**
- **Isavuconazole (Cresemba)**
- **Posaconazole (Noxafil)**

The UHB believes that Section 12 (the Cost of Compliance) applies here, please see the exemption set out in response to question 2b.