

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/385
Aftercare at private hospitals

Information Requested:

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- How many patients are admitted to Cardiff and Vale health board from private hospitals for aftercare?
- Please provide figures for the year 2023 and 2022 and from which private hospital

Response Details:

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.

However, to comply with our Section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, the UHB can confirm that it has been able to identify 52 admissions since January 2022 where the admission source is recorded as 'Non-NHS run Hospital'. Please note, the UHB cannot confirm that this represents planned aftercare.