

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/386

Alzheimer's testing

Information Requested:

For the last 12 months period, please could you provide:

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via lumbar puncture – 0*

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via PET scan – 30*

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via SPECT scan- 5*

The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via MRI or CT scans – 1500*

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.

*Under Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that the figures provided are approximate figures provided by the service