

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/320
Patient treatment outside the Healthboard

Information Requested:

In the last 5 years, how many patients that live within the boundaries of the health board have received treatment outside of the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board jurisdiction area?

Is data collected for where these patients are transferred to? If so, please could the locations be provided.

Information Provided:

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 a total of 668 Prior Approval Requests and IPFRs (Individual Patient Funding Request) were approved from 01/04/2018-31/03/2023 for out-of-area treatment.

Please note that this figure includes IPFR treatment provided by VCC (Velindre Cancer Centre). Please also note that some of these figures may be duplicate patients for repeat/Ongoing care.

We cannot provide information on referrals approved by the Clinical Boards, captured under regional or tertiary commissioning, approved by the WHSSC (Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee) or approved under LTAs (Long Term Agreement) or SLAs (Service Level Agreement).