

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/121
Continuing Health Care

Information Requested:

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information in relation to continuing healthcare assessments in the Cardiff & Vale University Health Board area:

1. How many NHS continuing healthcare assessments have been undertaken in each of the past 5 years?
2. How many reviews of NHS continuing healthcare assessments were requested and how many resulted in a change in eligibility for NHS continuing healthcare in each of the past 5 years?
3. How long did it take to determine the outcome of reviews of NHS continuing healthcare assessment decisions in each of the past 5 years?
4. What was the longest time between a review of an NHS continuing healthcare assessment and the date the review was requested, indicating if the case is still ongoing, in each of the past 5 years?

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 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.