

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/23/607

Hyaluronic Acid Dermal Fillers

Information Requested:

- Number of cases treated in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients.
- Number of hospital admissions in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients
- Number of surgical interventions required in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients
- Total spend in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients

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 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') 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, in accordance with our duty to advise and assist under section 16 of the Act, the UHB can advise that, if requested, it may be able to retrieve certain related data based on clinical coding classifications. Please be aware that this would be high-level information relating to the category of 'Other complications following infusion, transfusion and therapeutic injection'. The UHB anticipates that this would include, but not be limited to, 'hyaluronic acid dermal fillers'.