

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/23/619

Dementia Medication

Information Requested:

How many patients within your health board Area who had a diagnosis of Dementia have been prescribed the Antipsychotic drug, Amisulpride in the years: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022?

How many Dementia patients resident in Nursing homes within your health board area were prescribed the Antipsychotic Drug, Amisulpride in the years 2019,2020,2021,2021?

How many patients within your health board area who had a diagnosis of Dementia were prescribed Antipsychotic medication other than Amisulpride in the years 2019,2020,2022 ? and what Antipsychotics were prescribed?

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 – diagnosis and medication are not necessarily linked. 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 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.