

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/272
Ophthalmology Procedures

Information Requested:

1. [We note] that [named individual] is an Optometrist, please could confirm whether [the individual] was trusted in May 2020 to perform YAG Laser Peripheral Iridotomies completely unaided and unsupervised by an Ophthalmologist?
2. Please could you confirm how many YAG Laser Peripheral Iridotomies [named individual] had performed prior to 18th May 2020?

Response Details:

Please note that, for the purposes of your requests for information, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has replaced certain personal information with square brackets, including names and pronouns. Disclosures under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 are made 'to the world at large', so the UHB has adopted this approach in the interest of protecting personal data in accordance with data protection principles and upholding fair, lawful, and transparent processing pursuant to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Nevertheless, after considering your requests, the UHB believes that the information requested is classed as personal data as defined under the GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018. Its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing with regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of the GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.