

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/144
Hidradenitis Suppurativa

I am writing to submit an FOI request with the following questions:

Q1. How many patients does the trust have with a recorded diagnosis of Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS)

There have been 352 discrete patients treated as an admitted patient care over a ten-year period. It is not possible to identify how many are still patients of Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) at the present time.

Q2. Of these patients, how many have been treated with each of the following advanced biologics in the last 6 months?

Advanced Biologic	Number of HS patients treated in the last 6 months
Adalimumab	
Infliximab	
Secukinumab	
Ustekinumab	
Other advanced biologic/s – <i>please specify name/s:</i>	

In completing a search for the information requested, 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 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.