

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/401
Prostate Biopsies

I would be very grateful if you could please provide information on the following:

1. Number of annual Transperineal prostate biopsies undertaken in the Trust?

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not perform this service.

2. Number of annual Transrectal prostate biopsies undertaken in the Trust?

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3. Number of annual targeted prostate biopsies undertaken in the Trust?

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as outlined in the Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004. When estimating the cost of complying with a request for information under the applicable legislation, the UHB must calculate this cost at a rate of £25 per person per hour to a maximum of £450, with the appropriate time limit for complying therefore being 18 hours.

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 which the UHB considers would exceed the appropriate limit for the purposes of the 2004 Regulations. The UHB has therefore relied upon the exemption set out in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') and is refusing your request.

4. Number of annual prostate biopsies undertaken in an Outpatient setting?

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5. Which groups of staff are performing prostate biopsies? E.g. Urologist, Radiologist, Associate Physician, Nurse Practitioner etc.

Urologists and Radiologists.