

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/412
Hidradenitis Suppurativa

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

375 patients. Please note that these are discrete patients treated as admitted patient care over a 10-year period. We do not know 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>	

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.