

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/422**  
**Healthcare-Associated Infections**

1. **Has University Hospital of Wales recorded any Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs) over the past 12 months?**
- Yes
  - No

Yes.

2. **Has there been any case in the past 12 months where a HAI has resulted in the death of a patient at University Hospital of Wales?**
- Yes
  - No

Yes.

3. **What is the most common type of Healthcare-Associated Infection (HAI) recorded at University Hospital of Wales?**

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (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.

Under our obligation to provide advice and assistance pursuant to section 16 of the 2000 Act, the UHB may be able to provide information on this subject matter if data for specific healthcare-associated infections is requested.

4. **How many cases of the HAI identified in the answer to question 3 has University Hospital of Wales recorded over the past three years?**

The UHB believes that the exemption as outlined in section 12 of the 2000 Act applies here and is therefore refusing your request.

5. Have there been any recorded 'outbreaks' of HAIs at University Hospital of Wales in the last three years?

Yes.

6. Has University Hospital of Wales made the decision to use single-use medical equipment in place of reusable options either fully or partially because of benefits to patient safety/infection control?

- Yes

- No

Yes.