

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/431

Workload Data

Information Requested:

Adult Allergy

1. What is the total number of adult allergy referrals received by your trust over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.
2. What is the total number of new patients seen under adult allergy services by your trust over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.
3. What is the total number of follow up patients seen under adult allergy services by your trust over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Clinical Immunology

4. What is the total number of clinical immunology referrals received by your trust over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.
5. What is the total number of new patients seen under clinical immunology by your trust over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.
6. What is the total number of follow up patients seen under clinical immunology by your trust over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

For questions 1-6, please provide data separated by the treatment function codes (TFC)

313 – Clinical Immunology and Allergy

316 – Clinical Immunology

317 – Allergy

Laboratory Immunology

7. What is the total number of immunology pathology samples received by your trust laboratory service over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.
8. What is the total number of immunology pathology test requests received by your trust laboratory service over each 12-month period for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Waiting Lists

9. What is the length of time (working days) between receiving a new patient referral and for the patient to be seen by a specialist at your trust now and one year ago for the following:

- a. Clinical Immunology
 - i. Routine referrals as of 15 July 2024
 - ii. Routine referrals as of 15 July 2023
 - iii. Urgent referrals as of 15 July 2024
 - iv. Urgent referrals as of 15 July 2023

- b. Adult Allergy
 - i. Routine referrals as of 15 July 2024
 - ii. Routine referrals as of 15 July 2023
 - iii. Urgent referrals as of 15 July 2024
 - iv. Urgent referrals as of 15 July 2023

Response Details:

In response to points 1–6

Please see the attached Excel document for responses to points 2, 3, 5 and 6.

However, in respect of the information requested on the total number of referrals for each treatment function code received in points 1 and 4, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) believes that section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies and is therefore refusing your request.

Under section 21 of the Act, a public authority does not have to respond to a request if the information being sought is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

In accordance with a public authority's duty to provide advice and assistance as outlined in section 16 of the Act, I can confirm that the relevant information can be found at the following weblink: [StatsWales – Referrals by treatment function and month](#).

In response to points 7 and 8

The UHB does not count immunology pathology samples on its laboratory system, so this information is not held.

Please see the below table for the number of immunology pathology test requests received since financial year 2018/19.

Financial Year	Count
2018/19	146,046
2019/20	149,992
2020/21	127,412
2021/22	174,538
2022/23	201,833
2023/24	217,359

In response to point 9

After considering your request, the UHB believes that section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies in this instance and is refusing your request.

In accordance with a public authority's duty to provide advice and assistance as outlined in section 16 of the Act, I can confirm that the relevant information can be found at the following weblink: [Clinical Immunology and Allergy – Cardiff and Vale University Local Health Board](#).