

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/346

Procedure Data

Information Requested:

Please can you tell me the total amount of patients treated by the following procedure between May 2023 and May 2024 or to the nearest date you have the information available.

Procedure :

Sonata - Transcervical Fibroid ablation (NOT endometrial ablation)

Response Details:

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (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.

However, the UHB can advise that the majority of the described procedure is done in Outpatients and there are no dedicated clinics for this. With the absence of regular coding in this area, the UHB cannot robustly answer the question with a representative number.