

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/167
Failed Outpatient Gynaecology Procedures

Information Requested:

Please can you send me the information for the last 3 years including this year to present date.
In each hospital in the health board.

How many outpatient gynaecological procedures failed and had to be stopped?
do you have data on specific procedures?

How many patients after coming in for the out patient procedure had to come back at a later date for a
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Response Details:

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) abides by international coding standards that dictate that a procedure must be coded to the point of abandonment. For example, if a procedure was abandoned after making an incision or laparotomy, only the laparotomy would be coded. This would not be recorded as an abandoned procedure. Unfortunately, this means we are unable to use coded data to determine whether a procedure failed or whether a patient had to come back for a subsequent procedure at a later date.

Therefore, to retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual patient 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.