

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/292

Industrial Action

Information Requested:

I would like the number of patients who had appointments cancelled on the day of the doctors; strike [15 January 2024] quantified and how many did not receive appointments at the time interval requested by their consultant.

Also I would still like the name or names of those who made the decision on that day to cancel appointments and give a 6 monthly follow up.

Response Details:

There were 1,051 outpatients and 132 admitted patients who had appointments cancelled on 15 January 2024 as a result of the industrial action.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold information on the number of patients who did not receive appointments at the time interval requested by their consultant.

After considering your request for names, the UHB believes that the data requested is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018. Its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing with regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of the GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.