

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/319
A&E Waiting Times

How many patients at emergency departments in your area had to wait more than a day before being treated in 2021, 2022 and 2023 and 2024 to date.

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.

**What was the longest wait faced by a patient at an emergency department in each of those years?
Please break this information down by hospital.**

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