

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/21/038

Nuss and Ravitch Procedures

**Request Details**

Please provide the following under FOI

1) Volumes of operations carried out since 2000, by year, in relation to the Nuss and Ravitch procedure.

Year	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
Number of Procedures carried out	1	1	1	3	5	7	3	6	12	6	19	9	2	16	3	21	22	18	26	3	184

2) Volumes of operations in relation to the Nuss and Ravitch procedure, that remain outstanding.

Number of Patients Currently on Waiting List as at 04/02/2021	10
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### **3) Number of adults (older than 18) having an nuss or ravitch operation where symptoms of breathlessness were the symptom.**

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 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 ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 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.

### **4) Number of operations were pectus was considered mild**

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To comply with our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, the UHB can advise that both severe and mild are coded the same, therefore we the UHB IS unable to differentiate the two.