

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/21/099

Sexual Assault Forensic Exams

Request Details

I am requesting this information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I'd like to have access to information regarding Sexual Assault Forensic Exams ("SAFEs"), what I understand to be also known as 'rape kits', conducted at the Ynys Saff Sexual Assault Referral Centre.

I'd like to know the amount of SAFEs administered and the amount processed (to the point that they can be used in legal proceedings or police investigations) between 2015-2020, with a breakdown of amount of SAFEs in each category (administered/ processed) for each year.

Response Details

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information.

To comply with our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, the UHB can advise that there are different police modules used depending on what has happened and there is no standard rape kit. The Police hold responsibility for the samples taken, the UHB are not aware of how many of them are processed for investigation purposes and evidence at Court. Forensic examinations are carried out by a police Forensic Medical Examiner, currently Mitie but previously under the name of Tascor.