

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/21/100
Sexual Assault Forensic Exams(SAFE's)

Request Details

Dear Cardiff and Vale University Health Board,

I'd like to have access to a full list of outside companies contracted to process 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 a record of all companies used between 2017-2020 and please include the date on which each company first started processing SAFEs from the Ynys Saff Sexual Assault Referral Centre and, if applicable, the date on which they ceased processing SAFEs for the Centre.

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.