

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_115_16

You asked:

1a. How many paediatric and adult Tonsillectomy procedures were performed in the period 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014 and 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015 respectively within the following hospitals, Prince Charles Hospital and Royal Glamorgan Hospital?

Please see response provided in the table below:

Tonsillectomy procedures					
	Prince Charles Hospital		Royal Glamorgan Hospital		
	Paeds	Adults	Paeds	Adults	Total
2014	105	39	168	96	408
2015	137	72	141	68	418

1b. Of the total procedures (referred to in 1a) how many were performed by cold steel, diathermy and Harmonics. Please give a break down for each hospital (mentioned in 1a)?

Please see response provided in the table below:

	Prince Charles Hospital		Royal Glamorgan Hospital	
	2014	2015	2014	2015
Cold Steel	80	90	97	94
Diathermy	37	64	132	78
Harmonics*	0	0	0	0
Other	27	55	35	37
Total	144	209	264	209

* Harmonics is an old technique no longer used.

1c. Of the total procedures (referred to in 1a) how many were performed using another method? Please give a break down for each hospital (mentioned in 1a)?

Response provided above (1b).

1d. Figures for the number of readmissions due to secondary bleeding following tonsillectomy/adenoidectomy procedures in (a) 2014/15 and (b) 2015/16? Please give a break down for each hospital (mentioned in 1a)?

Readmissions due to secondary bleeding following tonsillectomy/adenoidectomy procedures.				
	Prince Charles Hospital		Royal Glamorgan Hospital	
Type	2014	2015	2014	2015
Cold Steel	**	6	**	**
Diathermy	**	12	16	9
Other	**	6	0	**

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles set out in Schedules 2 and 3 of the Act. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and does not require the Health Board to consider the public interest test.

1e. Of the figures referred to in 1d what procedure type referred to in 1b-1e did these correspond? Eg. "cold steel resulted in # readmissions, diathermy resulted in # readmissions".

Response provided above (1d)

2a. How many Functional Endoscopic Sinus Surgery (F.E.S.S) and Sinus procedures were performed in the period 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014 and 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015 within the Health Board?

I can confirm that the number of procedures that were performed at Cwm Taf University Health Board during the time period requested were:

2014	46
2015	68