

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_343_16

You asked:

1. How many serious incidents have occurred in the past two years involving paediatric care in the each of the health boards hospitals?
2. How many of these incidents resulted in the death of a child?
3. Could you please breakdown the information by each year, and hospital?
4. If possible could you outline what disciplinary action, if any, was taken against staff responsible?

Our response:

I can confirm that there have been less than 5 serious incidents reported in the past two years, involving paediatric care.

The Health Board has sought to respond to your request in full; however, due to the small numbers involved we are unable to provide the actual figures or any further details in relation to the specific incidents. 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 available 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.