

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB\_59\_17**

### **You asked:**

I am seeking the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. Please specify how your Health Board defines an outbreak.
2. In the last five years, please list each outbreak the trust has declared due to the following organisms:
  - Vancomycin-resistant enterococci
  - Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)
  - Extended-spectrum  $\beta$ -lactamase (ESBLs) producing Gram-negative bacteria
  - -Carbapenem resistant enterobacteriaceae
  - -Carbapenemase producing organism
  - -Drug resistant Acinetobacter
  - -Drug resistant pseudomonas

### **For each case please specify**

1. The organism causing the outbreak (eg for carbapenemase producing organisms specify Klebsiella pneumoniae carbapenemase)
2. Date the outbreak was declared and date it was declared over
3. Number of confirmed cases and number of probable cases
4. Description of control measures, eg whether wards were closed, patients put in isolation rooms, hydrogen peroxide vapour used to clean rooms etc. For ward closures please give details of ward type and size (eg 30-bed renal ward)
5. Whether the outbreak was reported to Public Health England, and if so, the date it was reported
6. Date audit report, outbreak investigation, infection control committee report (or equivalent report) was published
7. Number of bed days lost
8. Number of patient deaths

### **Our response:**

Within Cwm Taf University Health Board an outbreak is generally defined as a significant increase of a specific infection above that previously noted in a defined population. It is normally characterised by a cluster of similar infections occurring in one area of the Health Board within a concentrated period of time. For certain organisms or infectious agent, a single case or up to 2 related cases identified acquired in the healthcare may be classified as an outbreak e.g. Legionellosis.

There have been no outbreaks as defined in your request within the Health Board.