

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_231_17

You asked:

Please provide the following information which I outline below. If you do not hold the information please advise if it is held elsewhere. If only partial information is held then please provide that.

In this request I will make reference to neuromuscular conditions, muscular dystrophy, and Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

For the purposes of this request:

- Neuromuscular conditions refer to any such conditions, including all types of Muscular dystrophy;**
- Muscular dystrophy refers to all such conditions including Duchenne muscular dystrophy; and**
- Duchenne muscular dystrophy refers only to that specific condition**

1. Please provide information on the total number of unplanned admissions to your Health Board for patients with the following conditions broken down by hospital (where appropriate) and by calendar year since 2011 including data for 2017 to date. If you hold data by financial year then that is acceptable also:

- a. Neuromuscular conditions**
- b. Muscular dystrophies**
- c. Duchenne muscular dystrophy**

Please see provided a summary of emergency inpatient episodes for the above conditions:

Discharge Destination	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 Jan - June
Usual place of residence	8	10	21	17	34	25	5
Temporary place of residence		**					
Other NHS Trust - ward for general patients		**		**	**	**	**
Hospital site within the same Trust - ward for general patients				**	**		
Hospital site within the same Trust - ward for patients who are mentally ill				**			
Patient died			**		**	**	

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.

2. Please provide a breakdown of the reasons for the unplanned admissions e.g. Accident, breathing problems, etc – this should be broken down by the relevant data sets that you hold, broken down by hospital (where appropriate) and by calendar year since 2011 including data for 2017 to date. If you hold data by financial year then that is acceptable also.

I can confirm that Cwm Taf University Health Board does hold this information. However, to release the specific detail in the way that you have requested would mean disclosure of low numbers.

However, to aid and assist with your request please see attached a list of reasons for admissions which relates to the data provided for question 1.

3. Please provide the following outcomes broken down by the same hospitals (as appropriate), calendar (or financial) years for each condition as detailed above:

- a. Discharged from A&E
- b. Admitted to hospital and subsequently discharged
- c. Died

Please see response to question 1.

4. Please provide a breakdown of unexpected deaths of patients in your Health Board broken down by the above conditions and by the same hospitals (as appropriate), and by calendar (or financial) years.

There have been no unexpected deaths with the above conditions.

5. Please provide details of any changes that your Health Board has made to care and other policies as a result of unexpected deaths of patients with the referenced conditions in the time period stated.

Please see response to Question 4.

6. Please provide a copy of the protocols to be followed by all paramedic, ambulance and A&E staff dealing with an unplanned admission of a patient with one of the specified conditions.

There are no specific protocols. All patients are managed according to their specific clinical needs. Were any such patient to present to hospital with for example, a Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Alert Card, then any advice therein would be taken into consideration when planning their care.

7. Please provide details of adaptations provided by hospitals in your Health Board for persons with neuromuscular (and other) conditions who may not be ambulant, or who may be unable to lift items such as cutlery, press buttons etc. For example, provision of hoists, wash/dry toilets, adapted call buttons; intercom systems; modified cutlery; provision of staff to feed a patient who is unable to do so him or herself due to muscle wasting.

Referral for an Occupational Therapy assessment is made on an individual needs basis and the Occupational Therapist will carry out a functional assessment including the ability to feed oneself – if adapted cutlery is required, they will advise the ward on the type of cutlery and postural support required to promote independence.

There are several types of call bells available and if the ward identify a patients has difficulty with a particular type then the Occupational Therapist can work with the patient and the ward to asses for a suitable call bell.

Generally we have available hoists and staff to support at mealtimes.

8. Please provide details of the procedures hospitals in your Health Board follow if a physiotherapist is required at night for persons who have a neuromuscular condition, especially if physiotherapists are not normally on duty in the night.

Patients would have access to the on-call physiotherapist for respiratory emergency.

Reasons for admission - 2011 to June 2017

ICD10 Description

A419	Sepsis, unspecified
J039	Acute tonsillitis, unspecified
J47X	Bronchiectasis
J981	Pulmonary collapse
M2557	Pain in joint (Ankle and foot)
R073	Other chest pain
T430	Poisoning: Tricyclic and tetracyclic antidepressants
T784	Allergy, unspecified
A084	Viral intestinal infection, unspecified
J069	Acute upper respiratory infection, unspecified
J181	Lobar pneumonia, unspecified
J22	Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection
J969	Respiratory failure, unspecified
K590	Constipation
K920	Haematemesis
M2555	Pain in joint (Pelvic region and thigh)
R54X	Senility
S7240	Fracture of lower end of femur (closed)
S817	Multiple open wounds of lower leg
S8210	Fracture of upper end of tibia (closed)
N390	Urinary tract infection, site not specified
C349	Malignant neoplasm: Bronchus or lung, unspecified
J441	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute exacerbation, unspecified
D591	Other autoimmune haemolytic anaemias
G710	Muscular dystrophy
G711	Myotonic disorders
I500	Congestive heart failure
I639	Cerebral infarction, unspecified
J22X	Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection
M8482	Other disorders of continuity of bone (Upper arm)
N832	Other and unspecified ovarian cysts
R410	Disorientation, unspecified
S4200	Fracture of clavicle (closed)
S8230	Fracture of lower end of tibia (closed)
L040	Acute lymphadenitis of face, head and neck
B349	Viral infection, unspecified
D649	Anaemia, unspecified
F322	Severe depressive episode without psychotic symptoms
I219	Acute myocardial infarction, unspecified
J40X	Bronchitis, not specified as acute or chronic
K562	Volvulus
K589	Irritable bowel syndrome without diarrhoea
K920	Haematemesis
L97X	Ulcer of lower limb, not elsewhere classified
R103	Pain localized to other parts of lower abdomen
R51X	Headache
R798	Other specified abnormal findings of blood chemistry
S5200	Fracture of upper end of ulna (closed)

G600	Hereditary motor and sensory neuropathy
G711	Myotonic disorders
J22X	Unspecified acute lower respiratory infection
A047	Enterocolitis due to Clostridium difficile
C920	Acute myeloblastic leukaemia [AML]
E162	Hypoglycaemia, unspecified
E835	Disorders of calcium metabolism
I453	Trifascicular block
I469	Cardiac arrest, unspecified
I48X	Atrial fibrillation and flutter
I678	Other specified cerebrovascular diseases
I802	Phlebitis and thrombophlebitis of other deep vessels of lower extremities
J14X	Pneumonia due to Haemophilus influenzae
K219	Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease without oesophagitis
M2506	Haemarthrosis (Lower leg)
M5456	Low back pain (Lumbar region)
M7966	Pain in limb (Lower leg)
M7986	Other specified soft tissue disorders (Lower leg)
N390	Urinary tract infection, site not specified
R060	Dyspnoea
R068	Other and unspecified abnormalities of breathing
R074	Chest pain, unspecified
R730	Abnormal glucose tolerance test
S2200	Fracture of thoracic vertebra (closed)
J950	Tracheostomy malfunction
A419	Sepsis, unspecified
G712	Congenital myopathies
I10X	Essential (primary) hypertension
I319	Disease of pericardium, unspecified
J121	Respiratory syncytial virus pneumonia
J189	Pneumonia, unspecified
J440	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute lower respiratory infection
J931	Other spontaneous pneumothorax
K297	Gastritis, unspecified
K566	Other and unspecified intestinal obstruction
K802	Calculus of gallbladder without cholecystitis
L021	Cutaneous abscess, furuncle and carbuncle of neck
M7965	Pain in limb (Pelvic region and thigh)
N185	Chronic kidney disease, stage 5
N800	Endometriosis of uterus
R05X	Cough
R296	Tendency to fall, not elsewhere classified
T110	Superficial injury of upper limb, level unspecified
T813	Disruption of operation wound, not elsewhere classified
J050	Acute obstructive laryngitis [croup]
J690	Pneumonitis due to food and vomit
M8436	Stress fracture, not elsewhere classified (Lower leg)
R55X	Syncope and collapse