

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_305_17

You asked:

I write regarding a Freedom of Information request about steroid-related admissions and would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. How many admissions did your health board receive in the years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 relating to the use of non-prescribed anabolic steroids, broken down by A&E units?
2. How many referrals to treatment did your health board receive in the years 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 relating to the use of non-prescribed anabolic steroids, broken down by hospital?
3. How many operations did your health board carry out to treat the effects of non-prescribed anabolic steroids in the above years?

Our response:

Within Cwm Taf Health Board mandated recording of a diagnosis is via clinical coding for inpatient episodes. However, this particular condition is not derivable via clinical coding. The patient's primary condition would be coded (In accordance with [ICD-10 codes](#)) and recorded within the clinical administration system as opposed to the cause (e.g. anabolic steroids).

We are therefore unable to provide this information.