

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_139_18

You asked:

Please provide me with the following information relating to the provision of haemofiltration or continuous renal replacement therapy (CRRT) within the intensive care units (ICU's) of your NHS Health Board:

1. The name of your Health Board.

Cwm Taf University Health Board

2. The names of the hospitals within your Health Board.

- Prince Charles Hospital (PCH)
- Royal Glamorgan Hospital (RGH)

3. The ICU's conducting haemofiltration / CRRT within your Health Board.

The ITUs at both above sites.

4. The number of patients treated with CRRT per year within your Health Board.

In 2017, 80 patients in RGH and 62 patients at PCH were treated with CRRT.

5. Current provider of CRRT services to your Health Board.

Baxter.

6. The preferred CRRT modality.

Continuous Venovenous Hemodiafiltration (CVVHDF) with citrate anticoagulation.

7. The name of the Lead Clinician, in each hospital, responsible for CRRT services.

Lead Clinician for Critical Care: Dr Piroska K Toth-Tarsoly.

8. The name of the person in Procurement responsible for the CRRT contract in your Health Board.

Vince Espley.

9. Date of the next tender for CRRT services.

August 2018.

10. A copy of the previous successful tender for CRRT services.

I can confirm that Cwm Taf Health Board holds information as defined within your request. However, I would like to advise you that the information you requested is being withheld under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The exemption which the Health Board has applied to this information is: Section (43)(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Health Board considers the information to be of a commercially sensitive nature and that the release of this information would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any parties concerned.

The University Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency however, the Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could have the effect of discouraging companies from dealing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn this could then jeopardise the Health Boards ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money.

11. CRRT contract value per annum.

£140,000