

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_11_18

You asked:

1) How many choking incidents did your Hospital receive for the year 2016 and also 2017?

A&E Attendances for 'Choking		
Hospital	2016	2017
Prince Charles Hospital	37	46
Royal Glamorgan Hospital	44	36
Total	81	82

2) How many of these casualties had expired once they arrived at hospital or in hospital?

In relation to the attendances referred to in point 1 there were no patients who died due to choking.

3) How long is your standard observation period in hospital of a victim of choking with no further complications?

The period of observation would be dependent on the individual patient, their presentation and outcome of the choking incident.

4) How many patients were released once your standard observation period had elapsed?

Please see response to question 3.

5) How many patients had to be admitted into hospital for longer than your standard observation period?

2 days to one week?

one week to one month?

one month to six months?

six months to one year?

over one year?

Please see response to question 3.

6) How many patients received injury from the lifesaving procedures performed on them?

I can confirm that the Health Board does not capture this information in a way that it can be easily extracted. The level of detail you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

7) What were these injuries? And how many of each injury?

Please see response to question 6.

8) What is the average cost for a casualty to be admitted to A&E?

Based on 16/17 costing return:
Average cost for A&E Admission £171.87

9) What is the average cost of single 24 hour hospital stay?

Based on 16/17 costing return:
Average cost for patient day IP £384.74

10) What equipment does your hospital equip to dislodge an obstruction of the airway when treating a choking incident?

- Wall-mounted, variable pressure suction (single-use, disposable tubing)
- Yankauer suction tip (single use, disposable)
- Miscellaneous suction catheters (single use, disposable)
- Magill's forceps (single use, disposable)
- Laryngoscope (single use, disposable)

11) What are the costs of cleaning or replacing this equipment once used?

No cleaning costs as all single-use kit.

The replacements costs for the above equipment is as follows:-

Equipment	Cost
Wall-mounted, variable pressure suction (single-use, disposable tubing)	30 Metres £4.20
Yankauer suction tip (single use, disposable)	Each £0.24
Miscellaneous suction catheters (single use, disposable)	Each £0.18
Magill's forceps (single use, disposable)	Pack of 20 £69
Laryngoscope (single use, disposable)	Pack of 10 £55

12) What standards does your suction equipment for full and partial blockages have to meet to be equipped in your hospital?

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