

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_282_18

You asked:

Please provide the most recently recorded five year period, broken down into year-by-year data where possible.

Please note that we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. Therefore, where the figures are less than, this has been replaced with **. We are withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

Varicella

1. Rates/number of infections of varicella, within age bands where possible, or alternatively providing child/adult split

Please see attachment 1.

2. Numbers of adult and number of child patients treated in hospitals and presenting with varicella

Please see attachment 1.

3. The length of stay

Please see attachment 1.

4. Cost of treatment

We do not hold this information.

5. Use of antibiotics in the treatment of bacterial superinfected varicella (any form of quantification)

I can confirm that this information is not centrally recorded as it would be held within an individual patient health record. This information would be held in patient records. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of

the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

6. Numbers of deaths of adults and number of deaths of children

Please see attachment 1.

7. Any quantified data relating to number and outcomes of patients presenting with varicella complications with pre-existing conditions

We do not hold this information.

Herpes Zoster

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4. Cost of treatment

We do not hold this information.

5. Number of deaths of adults and number of deaths of children

Please see attachment 1.

6. Any quantified data relating to number and outcomes of patients presenting with shingles with pre-existing conditions

We do not hold this information.

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| Varicella | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Inpatient episodes aged 0-17 | 27 | 26 | 60 | 44 | 50 |
| Inpatient episodes aged 18+ | 9 | 10 | 7 | ** | ** |
| ALOS aged 0-17 | 0.96 | 0.73 | 0.70 | 3.57 | 0.84 |
| ALOS aged 18+ | 14.56 | 5.50 | 10.57 | 4.00 | 18.67 |
| Deaths aged 0-17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaths aged 18+ | ** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Inpatient episodes aged 0-17 | ** | 0 | ** | ** | ** |
| Inpatient episodes aged 18+ | 46 | 49 | 50 | 55 | 50 |
| ALOS aged 0-17 | 1.00 | n/a | 1.00 | 0.00 | 0.25 |
| ALOS aged 18+ | 23.30 | 16.24 | 14.18 | 25.87 | 22.12 |
| Deaths aged 0-17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deaths aged 18+ | 9 | ** | 6 | ** | ** |

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Response from clinical coding, any patients with these codes in any position:

Varicella:

B01.-

P35.8 (this classifies Other congenital viral diseases, including congenital varicella, but would also contain other congenital viruses)

Herpes zoster:

B02.-

Data summarised by child/adult category (aged 0-17/18+ at admission)

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