

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_191_18

You asked:

1. How many children 0-5 years old have contracted a sexually transmitted infection (please state numbers for the various types) in your health board area every financial year since 2006? Please provide breakdown per year and sex of child.
2. How many children 6-10 years old have contracted a sexually transmitted infection (please state numbers for the various types) in your health board area every financial year since 2006? Please provide breakdown per year and sex of child.
3. How many children 11-15 years old have contracted a sexually transmitted infection (please state numbers for the various types) in your health board area every financial year since 2006? Please provide breakdown per year and sex of child.
4. How many 16 year old children have contracted a sexually transmitted infection (please state numbers for the various types) in your health board area every financial year since 2006? Please provide breakdown per year and sex of child.

Our response:

Questions 1 – 4:

I can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record the detailed information you have requested. The information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their ongoing care. 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.

However, to aid and assist you with your request I can confirm the following information which has been provided by the Sexual Health Service however, the figures do not cover Cwm Taf as a whole, only the secondary care service provision.

For children aged 11-15 years old:

Less than 5 contracted a sexually transmitted infection between 2015 and 2018.

For children aged 16:

14 had contracted a sexually transmitted infection between 2015 and 2018.

Please note, the Health Board will not provide specific details due to the small numbers involved. It considers 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.