

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_443_18

You asked:

I am requesting from Health Boards in Wales and NHS Trusts in England for number of cases consulted or treated.

Could you please let us know how many port site herniation cases or hernias following laparoscopic procedures are being treated or consulted per year in your hospitals?

Also, an average cost of treatment/consultation per patient or total expenditure per year?

It would be very helpful if you have the numbers for the last 3 years.

Our response:

I can confirm that hernia operations are clinically coded however, we are unable to derive port site herniation cases or hernias following laparoscopic procedures from the clinical coding information held centrally, therefore we are unable to provide the detailed information you have requested.

The detail that 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.

I can confirm that under section 21 of the Act, the Health Board is not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

In order to comply with our obligation set out in section 16, to provide help and assistance, I would like to advise you that information relating to NHS tariffs can be accessed via the following link:

<https://improvement.nhs.uk/documents/479/Annex B1 - national tariff workbook.xlsx>