

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_392_18

You asked:

- 1. Has an interstitial lung disease (ILD) lead clinician been appointed, with an established ILD clinic?**

Yes.

- 2. What is the mean time from referral to a specialist ILD multi-disciplinary team? (the most recent data available)**

We are able to confirm the maximum time which is 1 month.

- 3. What is the mean time to access surgical lung biopsy for ILD patients? (most recent data)**

The mean time to surgical biopsy is currently 6-8 weeks.

- 4. What was the total number of eligible patients for a lung biopsy, and the number of patients who underwent a surgical lung biopsy, in each year from 2013-2015?**

I can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally hold the required information, for the time period 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.