

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_258_19

You asked:

I would like to obtain information that relates to primary care professionals working in Wales who have been the subject of an investigation and hearing to determine their suitability to remain on the Performers List. I would be grateful if you could confirm whether you hold the information below and if so, provide me with a copy of this data:

You asked:

1. Between 2016 – 2019, how many cases have been referred to the Performance Advisory Panel (PAP)? Of these we would be grateful if the statistics could be categorised via GPs, dentists, pharmacists and optometrists?

Between 2016-2019, there were 6 cases referred to the Performance Advisory Panel. These cases comprised of GPs and dentists. However, please note we have withheld the specific level of detail you are seeking in relation to categories. Due to the low numbers involved, we consider that there is a potential risk for the individual to be identified from the information provided if this was disclosed, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain.

Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under 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. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

2. Between 2016 – 2019, how many cases have been referred to the Performers List Decision Panel (PLDP) and of these cases, what were the outcomes i.e. removal, conditions, no action. If the data could be provided both by way of overall statistics and then a breakdown for individual practitioner groups.

Between 2016-2019 , I can confirm that there were less than five cases referred to the Performance List Decision Panel, all of which were GPs. Please note the specific number has been withheld under Section 40(2) as set out in the response to Question one.

3. Between 2016 – 2019, how many Interim suspensions have been initiated and imposed by the Board?

Between 2016-2019, I can confirm that there were less than five GP cases of suspension initiated by Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board. Please note as above, the specific number has been withheld under Section 40 (2).