

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_414_20

You asked:

Would it be possible to get information on the total number of items and quantities prescribed/dispensed in Wales for alprazolam/Xanax broken down by tablet strength (250mcg/500mcg), year (calendar or financial), and whether primary, secondary or tertiary care, for the period since 2000, please?

The NHS Wales Informatics Service suggested you may be able to help with this enquiry at Health Board level.

Our response:

Cwm Taf University Health Board was formed in 2009, therefore, due to disparate systems used within predecessor organisations, we are only able to provide information from this date onwards. The data provided in the table below is for the number of tablets issued within secondary care from 2009 -2020:

Drug Strength	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Alprazolam 250mcg tab	0	0	0	60	0	180	0	60	0	0	0	420
Alprazolam 500mcg tab	409	480	431	629	360	220	0	60	0	60	0	0

Please note that Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board was established on 1 April 2019. Therefore due to the timeframe requested, the information prior to this relates to the previous Cwm Taf area only and does not reflect the boundary change. Any information requests (prior to April 1 2019) relating to the previous Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board area (Bridgend) would need to be redirected to FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk

There is no data available for alprazolam within primary care during this period of time.