

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_251_21

You asked:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information:

1. For each of the years 2010 and 2020, how many investigations under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 involved any of these terms in the referral:

- **Fabricated or Induced Illness or FII**
- **Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy or MSbP**
- **Perplexing Presentation or PP**
- **Factitious Disorder Imposed on Another or FDIoA**
- **Snomed Code System Concept Code: 95637005**

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

The Cwm Taf Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) became operational in 2014 therefore, the HB are only able to provide data from this point.

From 2014 when the Cwm Taf MASH became operational and decisions in relation to risk and threshold became multi- agency in respect of child protection referrals, there have been less than 5 cases of the type listed above.

Where numbers are low we have considered that 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.

In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach 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.

For information prior to 2014, you may wish to be re direct your request to the Police and Children's Services who decided if the threshold for section 47 investigations were met.

To aid and assist you with your request the relevant email addresses/link are provided below:

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council -
freedomofinformation@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk

Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council - FOI@merthyr.gov.uk
Bridgend County Borough Council - foi@bridgend.gov.uk

South Wales Police, please see link provided - [The Publication Scheme | South Wales Police \(south-wales.police.uk\)](#)

2. How many of those investigations led to a child protection plan, and how many resulted in no further action being taken?

Less than 5. Please see response above.