

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_208_21

You asked:

Please can you provide the information requested below:

The number of urgent minor amputations and the number of urgent major amputations carried out each month, as a result of diabetic foot disease i.e. the amputation was performed because of or as a consequence of the patient's diabetic condition, for the following years:

2018

2019

2020

2021

and as many months of 2021 as you can provide, up to and including the latest information you have.

Our response

We can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information. However, to release the specific information in the way that you have requested (by month) would mean disclosure of low numbers.

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.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, please see table provided below with the number of amputations by type and year.

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **.

For the time period 01/01/2018 – 24/05/2021, the total number of urgent minor amputations and the number of urgent major amputations carried out, as a result of diabetic foot disease is 68.

Amputation Type	2018	2019	2020	2021
Amputation foot	**	**	**	**
Amputation Hand	0	**	0	0
Amputation Leg	7	7	**	0
Amputation stump operations	**	0	0	0
Amputation Toe	13	13	12	**
Amputation Finger	0	0	**	0

Please note: Where data is reliant on clinical coding, this traditionally has a completion timeline of three months in arrears – therefore the data for 2021 will be incomplete.