

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_395_21

You asked:

1. How many recorded incidences in the trust in the last five years has there been with the drug metaraminol?
2. Could you rate the severity of the incidents?
3. Out of these incidents were there any that resulted in Death to the patient?
4. Please could you let me know the date of the incidents?

Our response:

I can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information. However, to release the specific information in the way that you have requested 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, I can confirm that less than 5 incidents were reported using the Datix system during the last 5 years. None of which resulted in the death of a patient.