

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_492_22

You asked:

I'd be very grateful if you could respond to the following questions:

- 1. Between January 1 2022 and November 30 2022, how many referrals to specialist / secondary care outpatient teams from GPs have been rejected by your health board?**

17550.

- 2. How many referral rejections were made in 2019?**

For your information, the figures in relation to Cardiff and Vale UHB were 35,385 between January and November 2022 and 25,102 in 2019.

23367.

- 3. Which three outpatient services have seen the highest number of referral rejections?**

For your information, in Cardiff and Vale the relevant three services were Dermatology, Ent Audiological Medicine and Physiotherapy Adult.

In 2019 Cardiology, T&O and General Surgery.
In 2022 Cardiology, CAMHS and General Surgery.

- 4. What observations would you make about the statistics you have provided?**

The Freedom of Information Act covers all recorded information held by a public authority.

The Health Board does not have to answer questions under the Act if this would mean creating new information or giving an opinion (observation) or judgment that is not already recorded.