

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_38_22

You asked:

I would like to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information: (please provide a breakdown from 2019 - present, in calendar years not fiscal.)

- 1) How many patients involved in knife crime incidents have been admitted to hospitals within your health-board?
- 1b) Of those patients admitted, how many died?

Our response:

Please see the number of in-patient episodes and deaths that occurred due to knife incidents provided in the table below:

Year	In-Patient Episodes	Deaths
2019	10	0
2020	8	0
2021	**	0

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

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. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. The data is classed as personal data as defined under 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.