

## Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_278\_22

### You asked:

I would like to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act please, having been advised by Welsh Government (attached) to contact each health board individually in order to ascertain the information.

### Question:

How many Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD) procedures have been carried out by Cwm Taf Health Board hospitals since 1 January 2018? Grateful if these could be broken down by year if possible, please.

### Our response:

Please see provided below a summary of Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD) procedures, during the time period requested:

Year	Episodes
2018	8
2019	8
2020	**
2021	0
2022 (Jan – Jun)	**

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.