

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_126_22

You asked:

In March 2019 the MHRA released updated guidance on the use of Fluoroquinolones. In particular they confirmed that;

“Fluoroquinolones have been reported to cause serious side effects involving tendons, muscles, joints, and the nerves – in a small proportion of patients, these side effects caused long-lasting or permanent disability”

Do you have the any data on the number of individuals in your area that have been diagnosed with long-lasting or permanent disabilities due to Fluoroquinolone Antibiotics?

Our response:

We can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information. The information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their ongoing care. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.