

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_371_22

You asked:

Could you please treat this enquiry as a Freedom of Information request?

I'd like to know if an Individual Patient Funding request has been made for any treatment of Functional Neurological Disorder previously, and whether this has been approved?

Our response:

We 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 to assist with your request, we can confirm that for the time period 2021/22 and 2022/23 to date, there have been less than 5 Individual Patient Funding request made for any treatment of Functional Neurological Disorder, not all were approved.