

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_173_23

You asked:

I would like to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information:

1. How many patients have been treated within your health board with symptoms of drug overdose in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023? Please provide a monthly breakdown of each of the years listed (January, February, March, etc).

Please see data provided in the table below. Noting the following:

- Data range 01/01/2018 to 09/05/2023
- This data is based on all patients that booked in the Emergency Department (ED) with any of the following in the presenting complaint field – OD - SH01 – Overdose.
- The presenting complaint is a free text field; therefore, we are unable to guarantee the accuracy of the data.
- Because OD is frequently used as a presenting complaint along with other text. We have excluded any presenting complaint that contained the following text - body, today ,episode ,Abod ,stood ,adema ,sodium ,food ,wood and blood these all contain OD in the word.
- We have also included any data in the Nature of incident field = 'OVERDOSE/POISONING (INGESTION)'
- We have also included all patient with an ICD10 code with relates to overdose.
- We cannot guarantee a patient has received treatment the data is based on condition on arrival at the ED and possible admission diagnosis codes.
- Accidental and deliberate overdoses have been included.
- The Princes of Wales Hospital only joined Cwm Taf Morgannwg on 01/04/2023 so we cannot guarantee the accuracy of the data prior to 01/04/2019.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	73	192	187	203	205	177
Feb	147	172	231	211	185	214
Mar	188	206	184	219	235	195
Apr	198	222	134	250	192	217
May	249	239	194	236	232	67
Jun	221	220	219	228	203	
Jul	241	204	221	228	214	
Aug	186	194	234	198	191	
Sep	188	182	233	211	191	
Oct	211	214	194	187	183	
Nov	185	213	197	191	183	
Dec	188	162	164	165	158	

2. How many patients have been treated within your health board with symptoms of spiking in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023? Please provide a monthly breakdown of each of the years listed (January, February, March, etc).

Please see data provided in the table below. Noting the following:

- Data range 01/01/2018 to 09/05/2023.
- This data is based on the presenting complaint.
- The data has been pulled from any presenting complaint that contains the word 'Spiking' and any ICD10 code relating to spiking.
- The present complaint is free text so we are unable to guarantee the accuracy of the data.
- The Princes of Wales Hospital only joined Cwm Taf Morgannwg on 01/04/2023 so we cannot guarantee the accuracy of the data prior to 01/04/2019.
- 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.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	6	5	**	**	0	7
Feb	7	6	**	**	**	7
Mar	7	5	**	**	**	5
Apr	**	5	**	**	0	**
May	8	5	**	8	0	**
Jun	5	8	8	**	**	
Jul	0	6	6	**	0	
Aug	6	**	**	5	0	
Sep	9	**	**	5	6	
Oct	11	5	5	**	6	
Nov	10	6	**	**	**	
Dec	9	**	0	**	6	
Total	82	62	37	46	29	

3. How many drug-related deaths have been recorded in your health board in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023? Please provide a monthly breakdown of each of the years listed (January, February, March, etc).

We can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information. However, to release the specific information by month as requested would mean disclosure of low numbers.

This being the case it is considered that such information should be withheld under Section 41 which sets out an exemption from the right to know where the information requested was provided to the public authority in confidence. The component which is applicable relates to the disclosure of the information would give rise to an actionable breach of confidence. In other words, if the Health Board disclosed the information being sought this could lead to their identification which would be unfair and inappropriate.

A duty of confidentiality does continue after the death of an individual to whom that duty is owed. Where there is a legally enforceable duty of confidentiality owed to a living individual, after death it can be enforced by the deceased's personal representative.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, we can confirm the following numbers by year.

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- The presenting complaint is a free text field; therefore, we are unable to guarantee the accuracy of the data.
- Because OD is frequently used as a presenting complaint along with other text. We have excluded any presenting complaint that contained the following text - body, today ,episode ,Abod ,stood ,adema ,sodium ,food ,wood and blood these all contain OD in the word.
- We have also included any data in the Nature of incident field = 'OVERDOSE/POISONING (INGESTION)'
- We have also included all patient with an ICD10 code with relates to overdose.
- We have only included patient with an outcome of 'Died'.
- We have included accidental and deliberate overdoses.
- We are unable to guarantee a patient has received treatment, the data is based on condition on arrival at the ED and possible admission diagnosis codes.
- The Princes of Wales Hospital only joined Cwm Taf Morgannwg on 01/04/2023 so we cannot guarantee the accuracy of the data prior to 01/04/2019.
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Years	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Deaths	5	6	14	11	9	**

4. Please can you provide the number of deaths due to blood clots per age group for the years; 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. To specify, I would like the data to be separated in the following age groups, unless the data is already separated differently: Under 20 years old, under 30 years old, under 40 years old, under 50 years old, under 60 years old, under 70 years old, under 80 years old, 80 years old and above.

Please see data provided in the table below. Noting the following:

- Data range 01/01/2018 to 09/05/2023.
- The data is based on all patient with the last ICD10 code relating to a blood clot and have an outcome of died.
- The Princes of Wales Hospital only joined Cwm Taf Morgannwg on 01/04/2023 so we cannot guarantee the accuracy of the data prior to 01/04/2019.
- Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

	20 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 to 69	70 to 79	80+
2018	0	**	**	24	48	64	97
2019	0	0	**	7	23	36	55
2020	**	**	**	12	34	69	112
2021	**	0	**	12	40	57	91
2022	0	**	**	8	24	45	70
2023	0	0	0	0	**	15	14