

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_175_23

You asked:

I am emailing with a Freedom of Information request, regarding digital discharge summaries. My query is:

Where a freetext search is possible, how many digital discharge summaries included any of the terms "spiked", "spike" or "spiking" over the past 5 calendar years, and the year to date. Please provide data for each year:-

- 1) 2018
- 2) 2019
- 3) 2020
- 4) 2021
- 5) 2022
- 6) 2023 - latest available data - please specify period

Our response:

Please see the data from the electronic discharge summaries provided in the table below, noting the following:

- The data has been run from 01/01/2018 to 28/04/2023 and split into calendar years and months.
- The data has been pulled using Spike, Spiked and Spiking
- The data has been pulled using 'free Text' fields. Therefore the results could be open to misinterpretation such as "Not Spiked" Or "Spike in temperature" for example. All this data would be included in the results.
- Data has been pulled for all sites within Cwm Taf Morgannwg (CTM). However, the Princess of Wales (POW) Hospital only joined CTM on 01.01.2019. Therefore, the accuracy of the data cannot be guaranteed for POW prior to that date as POW Emergency Department (ED) was not using WPAS to capture the ED data.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	27	23	20	12	20	25
Feb	24	27	23	17	24	39
Marc	18	29	20	25	20	31
Apr	18	31	15	22	17	26
May	21	22	21	22	20	
Jun	22	31	26	23	17	
Jul	16	37	32	23	22	
Aug	32	22	25	21	28	
Sept	33	16	12	30	19	
Oct	43	23	16	29	34	
Nov	36	28	18	23	27	
Dec	33	30	11	16	26	