

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_374_23

You asked:

I would like to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information regarding the misuse of the drug Ketamine which is used medically for induction and maintenance of anaesthesia.

1. How many patients have you admitted in the past five years suffering from the effects of Ketamine misuse? (Please provide an annual breakdown)

2. Of these patients, how many were under:

a. 25 years old?

b. 50 years old?

(Please provide an annual breakdown)

3. Over the past five years, how many patients have been found suffering from 'Ketamine bladder syndrome'?

1 – 3, The Health Board does not have a direct clinical code for ketamine misuse or ketamine bladder syndrome. Therefore, we are unable to provide this specific inpatient data.

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.

4. How many patients using Ketamine have been referred to your Substance Misuse Services in the past five years? (Please provide an annual breakdown)

We do not capture this information. Referrals for patients using Ketamine are directed to 3rd Sector Drug and Alcohol Services.

5. What is the current waiting time for inpatient treatment at a Detoxification and Rehabilitation facility for drug and alcohol abuse in your Health Board Area, funded by the NHS?

The waiting time for an inpatient detoxification is approximately 2 months and 2 to 3 months for a rehabilitation bed.

6. Does your Health Board have a specialist urology clinic? If so, where?

We have specialist clinics in urology at the Princess of Wales Hospital and the Royal Glamorgan Hospital. However, we do not provide a specialist urology service relevant to this request.