

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_559\_23**

### **You asked:**

Under the freedom of information act please provide me with the following information that you hold on:

#### **1. The number of cases of Mycoplasma Pneumonia in 2023 compared to the previous years (2019 - 2023)**

We can confirm that the Health Board does hold information on the number of admissions clinically coded with Mycoplasma Pneumonia. 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, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, we can confirm 8 patients have been admitted to the Health Board during the time period requested.

Please note the following:

- Date period covers 01/01/2019 – 30/11/2023.
- Patient admission maybe more than once.
- Patient may belong to another University Health Board area.
- Where data is reliant on clinical coding, this traditionally has a completion timeline of three months in arrears – therefore the data will be incomplete.

#### **2. Please could you further provide a breakdown of the data by age.**

Please see response to question 1.

However, we can confirm:

4 patients were aged 1 – 7

4 patients were aged 14 - 58

#### **3. Since December 2020, please also provide the Covid 19 vaccination status of those diagnosed with Mycoplasma Pneumonia.**

Please see response to question 1.

**4. Please also provide the information on children that were below the age of vaccine approval at time of diagnosis, and the mother had received a Covid 19 vaccine during pregnancy.**

Please see response to question 1.