

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_607_23

You asked:

Under the freedom of information act, please provide the data for each year between 2019 & 2023 on the numbers of people in the Princess of Wales Hospital that were diagnosed with Atrial Fibrillation.

Please include the ages of those diagnosed and include the vaccination status of all those diagnosed since the start of the pandemic with either

- (1) NO COVID-19 VACCINES or
- (2) RECEIVED ONE OR MORE COVID-19 VACCINE

Our response:

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

- Date Period: 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2023.
- Where data is reliant on clinical coding, this traditionally has a completion timeline of three months in arrears – therefore the 2023 data will be incomplete.
- Patient could still be admitted.
- Patient could be admitted more than once.
- Princess of Wales (POW) data only.
- Patient may belong to another University Health Board area.
- POW joined CTM 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.

Age	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
26 - 45	14	7	10	7	13
46 - 65	104	64	71	86	107
66 - 85	189	111	103	144	160
86+	27	19	15	24	29

Vaccine Status	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Unvaccinated	334	200	25	7	6
Vaccinated	0	**	174	254	303