

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_43\_23**

### **You asked:**

1. Since 2017, how many admissions has the health board had relating to misuse of Nitrous Oxide?

Please can you provide the admissions breakdown by year?

### **Our response:**

We can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information. However, to release the specific information in the way that you have requested (breakdown by year) 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 that during the time period requested (2017 – 2022) there were 8 admissions relating to misuse of Nitrous Oxide.