

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_06_23

You asked:

Can you please provide data for the number of patients treated or instances of Pericarditis and Myocarditis in the Health Board area for the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022

If the data is available by age group then please provide a breakdown

Our response:

Please see information provided in the table below:

Pericarditis	2018	2019	2020	2021	*2022
Total	21	16	5	8	5
Myocarditis	2018	2019	2020	2021	*2022
Total	9	6	11	20	8

*Where data is reliant on clinical coding, this traditionally has a completion timeline of three months in arrears – therefore the data for 2022 will be incomplete.

We are unable to provide the requested breakdown 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.

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.