

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_277_23

You asked:

Please may I request the following information from your health board. For ease of collation, the information could be provided in the tables provided after each question.

Antidepressants in this instance refers to any of the following classifications of drugs: SSRIs, SNRIs, NASSAs, TCAs, SARIs, MAOIs.

1. The numbers of patients who have been prescribed antidepressants in the following years after a phone consultation.

We can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information. 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.

2. The numbers of patients who have been prescribed antidepressants in the following years after one GP consultation regarding their mental health.

We can confirm that the Health Board does not hold this information.

You may wish to redirect this element of your request to the individual practices as independent contractors.

To assist you with your request, a list of practices that fall under the CTMUHB is available via the following link: [Health in Wales | GP Surgeries in Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board](#)

3. Can I also confirm if there is a method by which the NHS tracks side effects experienced from use of these drugs?

We can confirm that the Yellow Card system ([Yellow Card | Making medicines and medical devices safer \(mhra.gov.uk\)](#)) run by Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency is the UK wide system for monitoring adverse effects.