

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_249_23

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information from your organisation:

For all responses, please provide figures for the last three reported years:

- 1. What is the average length of stay in hospital for an individual who arrives at hospital due to a suspected acute (combined or otherwise) drug intoxication and then subsequently dies, were the drugs they had taken before they arrive at hospital were acknowledged in the cause of death?**

The Health Board's information systems do not code the cause of death; such information could only be obtained by reference to the individual's death certificate, which the Health Board do not hold. Therefore, we are unable to provide this information.

- 2. What categories of emergency treatment, and in what proportions, are received in hospital by all those admitted for acute (combined and otherwise) drug intoxication?**
- 3. What categories of emergency treatment, and in what proportions, are received in hospital by those admitted for acute (combined and otherwise) drug intoxication who are eventually discharged?**
- 4. What categories of emergency treatment, and in what proportions, are received in hospital by those admitted for acute (combined and otherwise) drug intoxication which is eventually fatal?**

We can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information (Q2 – 4). Treatment for acute drug intoxication is not coded on our information system. Therefore, to provide you with this data would require a manual trawl through individual records. The Health Board estimates that the cost of retrieving and extracting this data would significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

- 5. What is the day rate for the following treatment:**
 - Acute drug intoxication – non elective short stay**
 - Acute drug intoxication – non-elective long stay**
 - Acute Combined drug intoxication – non elective short stay**
 - Acute combined drug intoxication – non elective long stay**

We can confirm that this information is not held to the level of detail requested.