

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_105_23

You asked:

Kawasaki Disease affects a growing number of children and young people in the UK. It is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children and this FOI seeks to establish essential data for this patient population.

For your health board, please provide information sought for the following calendar year:

- January 2019 to December 2019
- January 2020 to December 2020
- January 2021 to December 2021
- January 2022 to December 2022

The information we request is, for each admission of Kawasaki Disease, - ICD10 diagnosis (primary or secondary) of M303 Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome:

1. Year of each admission
2. Month of each admission
3. Patient gender
4. Patient ethnicity
5. Age of patient at diagnosis
6. First four items of patient postcode

Our response:

We are unable to provide you with the level of detail you are seeking as to specific details for each admission of Kawasaki Disease. We consider that there is a potential risk for the individual to be identified from the information provided if this was disclosed, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain due to the rare nature of the disease. Therefore, 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.

However to assist with your request, we can confirm the following:

Between to 1 Jan 2019 and 31 Dec 2022, the Health Board had 22 admissions of Kawasaki Disease.

Age	No of Patients
0	9
1	7
3	1
4	2
5	1
8	1
10+	1

Gender	
Male	Female
14	8

Patient's ethnicity is not specified.

First four digits of patient's postcode – Section 40 applied. Please see above.

The Health Board publishes all Freedom of Information requests within its disclosure log on its website, therefore this will be publicly available.