

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_141_23

You asked:

I would like all relevant information relating to:

1. How many people in your health board have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia as of March 2023
2. How many people in your health board have been diagnosed with fibromyalgia over the past 5 years – please provide the data relating to; 2018; 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022
3. How many people in your health board receive treatment for fibromyalgia as of March 2023

Our response:

Due to the way the Health Board records information, we are unable to respond to the questions above as we only record any appropriate diagnosis for inpatients on discharge.

As the initial diagnosis of a patient can occur at differing levels: outpatient consultation, the result of a diagnostic test, inpatient/daycase admission, for example and we only record diagnoses via clinical coding at an inpatient stage we are therefore unable to provide the number of patients diagnosed with fibromyalgia.