

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_418_23

You asked:

I would like to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information:

1.) How many hospital admissions have been due to bites from dogs in the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and so far in 2023?

Our response:

Please see the information requested provided in the table below. Noting the following:

The Date range for the data is 01/01/20216 to 31/08/23

The data has been extracted using the following criteria.

- Any patient that has been clinically coded with a dog bite and admitted within Cwm Taf Morgannwg (CTM). To make sure this is the primary condition only patients with an injury(s) as a primary code followed by dog bite have been included.
- Please be aware that the Princess of Wales 9 (POW) hospital did not become part of CTM until 01/04/2019. Therefore due to the timeframe requested, the information prior to this relates to the previous Cwm Taf area only and does not reflect the boundary change. Any information requests (prior to April 1 2019) relating to the previous Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board area (POW) would need to be redirected to FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
- This query is reliant on the diagnosis codes. Patient records are not coded until the patient has been discharged, therefore there could be a delay between the date of discharge and the patient record being coded.

Year	Number of admissions due to dog bites
2016	26
2017	28
2018	37
2019	36
2020	24
2021	45
2022	38
2023 (Jan – Aug)	23