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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_625_24

Thank you for your request for information received on the 18 December 2024, regarding Allergies. Please find the response from Cwm Taf Morgannwg (CTM) University Health Board set out below:

You asked:

I would like to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information: (please provide the figures from January 2022 - present, in calendar years not fiscal).

1. How many admissions were made to hospitals for allergic reactions and anaphylaxis caused by food? Please breakdown of the data per year, and according to the type and cause of allergic reaction or anaphylaxis.

Unfortunately, we are unable to break the data down into food types. However, please see the data that we are able to provide set out in the table below:

Year	Allergy to food	Anaphylactic shock due to food
2022	16	**
2023	11	11
2024	6	9

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. 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.

2. Of those in question 1, how many died as a result of their allergic reactions or anaphylaxis? Please provide a breakdown of year and cause of death of each individual.

Zero (0).

3. How many allergy and immunologists (who have a specialty in food allergies) are employed by your health board? This should include

Doctors, Consultants and Nurses. Please provide the data according to job title.

We have no immunologists employed in CTM Pathology (we currently refer Immunology to Cardiff & Vale and Swansea Bay University Health Boards).