

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_13_24

You asked:

I would like to submit a Freedom of Information request to access the following information related to the number of women treated for heart attacks in your remit over the last five years.

The request:

1. How many women were treated for heart attacks in your hospital/GP over the last five years (January 2018 - present)? (by age bracket if time allows)

The date range for the data provided in the table below is 01/01/2018 to 31/12/2023. The data contains a list of women who were admitted to Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board hospitals, with the diagnosis code of heart attack. Unfortunately, we cannot provide data on patients treated with heart attacks or the symptoms which could be associated with a heart attack, as this detailed information is not coded or centrally recorded - please see response to Q2.

The data contains a list of all admissions with a diagnosis of heart attack, please be aware that one woman could be admitted with more than one heart attack in the five year period.

The Princess of Wales Hospital joined Cwm Taf Morgannwg on 01/04/2019. Therefore, we cannot guarantee the accuracy or the completeness of the data prior to this point.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
Under 30	**	**		**	**		6
31-40	**	**	**	**	**	**	19
41-50	11	22	12	13	22	12	92
51-60	37	27	32	47	55	57	255
61-70	70	72	57	62	63	41	365
71+	181	178	145	212	199	132	1047

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 the women experiencing heart attacks, how many experienced non-traditional symptoms such as the following? (by age bracket if time allows)

- **Dizziness or fainting**
- **Nausea or vomiting**
- **Pain, numbness, pinching or other uncomfortable sensation in your arm, jaw, back or stomach**
- **Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing deeply**
- **Unexplained sweating or cool, clammy skin**
- **Unusual fatigue**

We can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information. The detailed information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their ongoing care. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.