

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_27_24

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

- 1. Can you provide the number of attendances to A&E departments under the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board each year from 2018 to 2023 where Insomnia was the chief complaint – separated by year?**

Unfortunately, it is difficult for us to provide the information in the exact format requested in question 1. Patient complaints are entered in a free text format in the same text box. If multiple complaints are entered they are not entered in order of priority, they are usually entered in the order the patient conveys their complaint.

However, to aid and assist you with your request, we can confirm that 5 patients were admitted to hospital via the Emergency Department with a primary diagnosis code of insomnia (2018 – 2023). There is a diagnosis field within the Emergency Department data but is not completed with a specific diagnosis for admitted patients.

Please note - due to the low numbers involved, we are unable to provide you with the level of detail you are seeking broken down by year. 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. 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.

- 2. Can you also provide me with the number of attendances to A&E departments under the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University health board where insomnia was cited as a complaint at all in the same years, if that information is available?**

Again, it is difficult to provide the information in the exact format of question 2 with the same reason as given for question 1.

However, to aid and assist you with your request we have provided below the number of patients where the word insomnia appears anywhere in the initial complaint field.

- 2018 – 2023 – 6 patients.

- 3. Can you also provide the number of total attendances to A&E departments under the Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board each year from 2018 to 2023 – separated by year?**

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

- Provided is a list of all attendances separated by year and site.
- This list contains first visits and follow-up visits.
- The Princess of Wales Hospital was not part of Cwm Taf Morgannwg until 01/04/2019 as this data goes back to 2018 we cannot guarantee the completeness or accuracy of the data prior to this time.
- Data is split by A&E site:
PCH – Prince Charles Hospital
POW – Princess of Wales Hospital
RGH – Royal Glamorgan Hospital

A&E	PCH	POW	RGH	Total
2018	62614	57754	63728	184096
2019	64002	60263	65140	189405
2020	51559	47835	46528	145922
2021	58452	54674	57981	171107
2022	60711	56655	58801	176167
2023	58759	59066	56635	174460
Total	356097	336247	348813	1041157