

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_42_24

You asked:

Under the freedom of information act please provide the data you hold on the number of measles cases confirmed in all the Cwm Taff health board for the previous 5 years. Please also provide the ages and also the vaccination status (MMR) of each person diagnosed.

We can confirm that the Health Board does not hold the specific information that you require. However, you may wish to redirect your request to Public Health Wales who may be able to assist you. To aid you with your request please see their contact details provided below:

[Freedom of information - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](https://nhs.uk/public-health-wales)

To note the Health Board only record diagnoses via clinical coding at the inpatient stage. Therefore, we are unable to provide the number of measles cases confirmed over the last 5 years. MMR is administered at GP level (GP records) and we therefore would not hold the vaccination status.

However, we can confirm that less than 5 patients have been admitted during the date period 01/01/2019 – 31/12/2023 – aged between 15 – 30.

Noting the following:

- Patient may belong to another University Health Board area.
- Where data is reliant on clinical coding, this traditionally has a completion timeline of three months in arrears – therefore the 2023 data will be incomplete.
- Inpatient given coded in position 1 diagnosis.
- Where the figures are less than 5, 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.