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## Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_98\_26

### You asked:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

The number of patients seen in the urology departments in each of your relevant Hospitals (those that contain a urology department) following referrals due to pain or complications from suspected or confirmed ketamine use from the calendar years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025.

### Our response:

In completing a search for the information requested, the Health Board has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded. Clinical conditions are not coded specifically to Ketamine. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records.

As this is not information that the Health Board routinely compiles, we would have to carry out a specific exercise to retrieve and collate this data. From our preliminary assessment, we estimate that to comply with this element of your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 (cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Under the Act there is an allowance of 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the Fees Regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450. The Fees Regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

The Health Board has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.