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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_299_26

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful if the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) could provide the following information relating specifically to paediatric and perinatal pathology services in Wales in cases referred to HM Coroner.

Following previous correspondence from former health minister Jeremy Milers he noted that the JCC monitors turnaround times for paediatric surgical and perinatal pathology through established quality assurance arrangements. I would therefore be grateful for any information held relating to coronial paediatric and perinatal pathology waiting times and associated service pressures.

Please provide this information for the last five years, broken down by year where possible.

1. Please provide any data held by the JCC relating to turnaround times in coronial paediatric and perinatal post-mortem cases, including:

- **the average time between post-mortem examination and issue of the final pathology report;**
- **the longest recorded waiting time;**
- **the number of cases where final reports took:**
 - **longer than 12 weeks,**
 - **longer than 6 months,**
 - **longer than 12 months.**

Information not held: The Coroner's post mortems are funded through the Coronial system and therefore sit outside the remit of the NHS Wales Joint Commissioning Committee.

The Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology service is located within the Clinical Diagnostics and Therapeutics Clinical Board at Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. For Freedom of Information requests relating to the service please contact FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk

For matters relating to His Majesty's (HM) Coroner in Wales, please refer to the contact information provided by the Courts and Tribunals Judiciary using the following link; [Coroners: appointments and how to contact their offices - Courts and Tribunals Judiciary](#)

- 2. Please provide copies of any target turnaround times, reporting standards, contractual performance measures or service specifications used by the JCC in relation to coronial paediatric and perinatal pathology services.**

Information not held. Please see above response.

- 3. Please confirm whether coronial paediatric or perinatal pathology cases commissioned through the JCC are ever outsourced outside Wales due to workforce or capacity pressures and if so, how many cases?**

Information not held. Please see above response.