

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.12309.23
<b>Subject:</b>	Alzheimer's testing
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**Requested:**

I'm seeking information on Alzheimer's disease testing.  
For the last 12 months period, please could you provide:

1. The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via lumbar puncture
2. The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via PET scan
3. The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via SPECT scan
4. The number of patients tested for Alzheimer's disease via MRI or CT scans

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate limit" represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

As the information requested is not collated and recorded centrally, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all patient records for the previous twelve (12) month period, to identify any information that may fulfil your request.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.