

Reference:	FOI.3840.20
Subject:	Cauda Equina
Date of Request:	20 August 2020

Requested:

I would like to know the number of claims with 'Cauda Equina' in the incident description field for the following years; 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019.

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 level" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate level" represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or (2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the information being requested, the UHB would need to undertake a manual search of all claims to identify any information that fulfils your request for the periods requested.

Therefore, the UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), 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.