

Reference:	FOI.14850.24
Subject:	Enoxaparin medication
Date of Request:	12 July 2024

Requested:

In 2023, of all the patients receiving Enoxaparin,

1. how many of them followed the posology of receiving injections once a day?
2. And how many received injections twice a day?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested around patients receiving Enoxaparin injections, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information and 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.

The UHB does not centrally record the information requested; therefore, in order to provide you with all of the data requested, the UHB would need to contact the pharmacy service and request they undertake a manual trawl of all patient records.

The UHB is still using a paper based prescribing system, so any data would have to be retrieved manually through inspecting individual prescriptions.

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.

However, under section 16 of the FoIA, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds below.

The UHB can confirm that there were 220,694 syringes of Enoxaparin issued between 1 January and 31 December 2023.