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**Requested:**

In March 2019 the MHRA released updated guidance on the use of Fluoroquinolones. In particular they confirmed that:

“Fluoroquinolones have been reported to cause serious side effects involving tendons, muscles, joints, and the nerves – in a small proportion of patients, these side effects caused long-lasting or permanent disability”

Do you have the any data on the number of individuals in your area that have been diagnosed with long-lasting or permanent disabilities due to Fluoroquinolone Antibiotics?

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold the information requested. However, the UHB does encourage the reporting of adverse drug reactions through the Medicines and Healthcare Regulatory Agency (MHRA) Yellow Card Scheme in line with the criteria set. The UHB's Yellow Card reports are not collated locally but can be accessed via the MHRA website. For ease of reference, the link has been provided below:

[Yellow Card | Making medicines and medical devices safer \(mhra.gov.uk\)](https://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard)