

Reference:	FOI.13184.23
Subject:	Hyaluronic acid dermal fillers
Date of Request:	21 November 2023

Requested:

1. Number of cases treated in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients.
2. Number of hospital admissions in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients
3. Number of surgical interventions required in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients
4. Total spend in the last 5 years related to complications resulting from hyaluronic acid dermal fillers being injected into the buttocks/ hips/ breasts of patients

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 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 procedures relating to complications from the use of hyaluronic acid dermal fillers. Therefore, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all medical records, to identify any information that would 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.