

Reference:	FOI.6455.21
Subject:	Indapamide adverse effects
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Requested:

I wish to know how many fatalities and near fatalities (requiring hospitalisation) there are over five years relating to prescribed INDAPAMIDE diuretic adverse side effects.

If you are unable to furnish me with this information, please would you be kind enough to tell me who could.

Response:

The UHB is unable to provide you with the number of fatalities or near fatalities caused by adverse side effects to the medication, Indapamide, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” 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 number of fatalities or near fatalities caused by the adverse effects of Indapamide, the UHB would be required to undertake a manual search of patient’s medical records, as this information is not recorded centrally.

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*.

Under Section 16 of the FoIA the UHB has a responsibility to provide advice and assistance. The UHB can therefore confirm that the main UK reporting system for Adverse Drug Reactions is the MHRA Yellow Card Scheme (the scheme), accessible via the following link:

<https://yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/idap>

The scheme is UK-wide and reporting is voluntary, so not all reactions/fatalities will be recorded. Locally, the UHB does contribute to the scheme but reporting is still voluntary, not mandatory.