

Reference:	FOI.13411.23
Subject:	Intravenous medication
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Requested:

Please provide the following information you have pertaining to NHS patient volumes.

1. What is the total volume of admitted patients and outpatients in your Health Board region who have received intravenous medication relating to the following product types: Chemotherapy, parenteral nutrition (in hospital), home parenteral nutrition and CIVAS.

See definitions for the categories [here](#). Please provide the information on a volume basis for the following years if possible (please fill in table below). Note: if detail on intravenous medication is not available, please provide total patient volumes (i.e. those receiving all medication for each category).

- Is it possible to break down volume numbers by each NHS body?
- Is it possible to break down volume numbers by adult vs paediatric categories?

Volume	Total patient volumes		
	Apr-20 to Mar-21	Apr-21 to Mar-22	Apr-22 to Mar-23
Chemotherapy (at home and in hospital)			
Parenteral nutrition in hospital			
Home parenteral nutrition			
CIVAS			

Response:

The National Health Service (NHS) in Wales is divided into seven (7) Health Boards, with Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) being one (1) of them. The UHB is an integrated Local Health Board responsible for the planning and provision of NHS healthcare services for people across its three (3) counties, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire.

Therefore, the UHB can only provide the information it holds and cannot breakdown by NHS body.

The UHB does not hold the information requested for Home Parenteral Nutrition as this service is commissioned by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) via Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (CAVUHB).

We therefore recommend that you redirect this part of your request to the Freedom of Information Team in CAVUHB who may be able to help you further. Contact details are as follows:-

FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk or alternatively, you can contact: Information Governance, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, Heath Park, Cardiff, CF14 4XW.

Additionally, the UHB does not provide Central Intravenous Additive Services (CIVAS) or Intravenous (IV) medications at home.

1. The UHB provides, within the table below, the total number of inpatients and outpatients that have received IV medication relating to the product types provided, by those aged under and over sixteen (16), during the 2020/21 to 2022/23 financial years.

Volume	Total patient volumes					
	Apr-20 to Mar-21		Apr-21 to Mar-22		Apr-22 to Mar-23	
	<16	>16	<16	>16	<16	>16
Chemotherapy (at home and in hospital)	12	1,807	18	1,954	12	1,717
Parenteral nutrition in hospital	0	132	0	109	0	100