

Reference:	FOI.1401.19
Subject:	Intravenous voriconazole injections
Date of Request:	19 August 2019

Requested

1. The total number of **individual doses** of intravenous voriconazole administered to patients in the above organisation during the above period.
 - a) Please note, this request **does not** relate to the number of dose units of voriconazole injection used (as one dose may use more than one vial).
 - b) Please note, this request **does not** relate to the number of patients given intravenous voriconazole (as one patient will usually receive multiple doses).
 - c) I appreciate that this information will probably only be available if the above organisation uses an electronic prescribing and medicines administration system.
 - d) If this information is only available for part(s) of the above organisation, please provide this partial information and state to which parts of the organisation it applies (see also point 2a below)

2. The **total** number of **dose units** of voriconazole intravenous injection supplied for use within the above organisation during the above period.
 - a) If for request 1 you are only able to provide information for part of your organisation (see point 1d), please **also** state the number of dose units of voriconazole injection supplied for use within these same areas.
 - b) Please **exclude** voriconazole injection supplied by the above organisation for use within a different organisation.

3. In the above organisation, is the NHS Injectable Medicines Guide (commonly known as "Medusa" - <http://medusa.wales.nhs.uk/>) used at ward level by staff preparing intravenous medicines for administration to patients?
 - a) If the NHS Injectable Medicines Guide is only used in this way in parts of the above organisation, please state these areas.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the total number of individual doses of intravenous voriconazole administered to patients in the above organisation as an electronic prescribing and medicines administration system is not used. It is therefore estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate level" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate level" 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 this information the UHB would need to manually scrutinise all patient records to identify which patients received the intravenous voriconazole injections of which 167 units were used, therefore conducting the search would far exceed the 'appropriate level', costing the UHB the following:

167 @ 15 minutes per patient record = 41.75 hours
41 hours @ £25 per hours = £1,043.75

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, 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.

2. The table overleaf provides the number of dose units of voriconazole intravenous injection supplied for use within the UHB during the requested time frame:

Location	Quantity used
Glangwili General Hospital	86
Prince Philip Hospital	51
Withybush General Hospital	30
Total	167

3. The UHB confirms the NHS Injectable Medicine Guide is used at ward level in all areas by staff preparing intravenous medicines for administration to patients.