

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-154	12 th April 2022
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I was wondering if you could please help me. I'm doing research into the long-term effects of Fluoroquinolone Antibiotics.

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?

The Health Board does not hold data relevant to your request. The Health Board would advise that a request is submitted to the [Yellow Card Centre Wales](#) (YCCW) who would have oversight of all relevant reports submitted in Wales.