

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-323	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2021
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**I would like to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:**

**1. The number of children under 18 admitted to hospitals in Wales because of obesity in the calendar years of 2019, 2020 and 2021 (up until the most recent figures).**

Please note that Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied where information in the table below has been replaced with <5. The Health Board will not provide the exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The Health Board believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

*Admissions with a Primary or Secondary diagnosis of obesity (Under 18)*

Age	2019	2020	Jan-June 2021	Total
0	-	<5	-	<5
1	-	<5	-	<5
2	<5	-	<5	<5
4	<5	<5	-	<5
5	<5	-	-	<5
Age	2019	2020	Jan-June 2021	Total
6	<5	-	-	<5
7	-	<5	-	<5
8	<5	<5	-	<5
9	<5	<5	-	<5
10	-	<5	-	<5
11	-	-	<5	<5
12	<5	<5	<5	6
13	<5	<5	<5	7
14	<5	<5	<5	8
15	<5	<5	<5	10
16	<5	<5	<5	5
17	5	<5	<5	11

*Please note: Of the numbers provided above, 1 patient had a primary diagnosis of obesity and the remaining had a secondary diagnosis.*

**2. Please provide a breakdown of age if possible.**

Please refer to Q1.

**3. Please provide details of the individual's weight at the time of referral if possible.**

The Health Board is unable to provide information on the individual patients' weight at the time of referral as it is not recorded centrally, it would be held within the individual patient records. In order to determine this, the Health Board would have to review every patient record. Therefore in order to comply with your request the Health Board has established that this would exceed the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which is currently £450. As you will be aware this is not an exemption which requires us to consider the application of the public interest test. We have calculated that it would take in excess of 18 hours to review the record of each patient.