

**Kawasaki Disease affects a growing number of children and young people in the UK. It is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children and this FOI seeks to establish essential data for this patient population.**

**1) For your health board, please provide information sought for the following calendar year:**

- **January 2019 to December 2019**
- **January 2020 to December 2020**
- **January 2021 to December 2021**
- **January 2022 to December 2022**

**2) The information we request is, for each admission of Kawasaki Disease, - ICD10 diagnosis (primary or secondary) of M303 Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome:**

- **Year of each admission**
- **Month of each admission**
- **Patient gender**
- **Patient ethnicity**
- **Age of patient at diagnosis**
- **First four items of patient postcode (partial postcode which ICO advises is non-identifiable – we use aggregated geo data to identify disease hotspots so please provide this important element – thank you)**

The response to the information request is contained in the spreadsheet attached to the email response. It should be noted that we have applied an exception for providing information about the patient's ethnicity and the first characters of the patient's postcode. Data from two categories in the spreadsheet is also caveated, as outlined below:

### **Exemption Applied:**

#### **1) Patient ethnicity & first four items of the patient postcode**

After considering your request, the Health Board believes that the data requested 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 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

**Caveats:**

**1) Age of patient at diagnosis**

As no specific age range was specified, the data includes patients up to the age of 30.

**2) Year & Month of Admission**

Each row in the dataset represents a hospital stay, with some patients having multiple hospital stays. This is demonstrated by the inclusion of an anonymous patient ID number. Patient #2, for example, has four rows, indicating that the patient had four hospital stays.

The age given is the age at admission, not the age at diagnosis. (the system does not record the date of diagnosis).

Without reviewing the case notes, it is impossible to determine whether this is the patient's first admission (the patient may have been admitted prior to 2019 and/or at a different health board).