

Under the Freedom of Information Act 200 I would like to request the following:

1. How many patients contracted the infection *Morganella Morganii* infection during their admission at the Grange University Hospital between the periods of January 2022 and August 2022.

For the period January 2022 and August 2022 nine (9) patients identified with a positive *Morganella Morganii* post 48 hours of admission. Please note that this could represent colonisation* as it is an endogenous organism not an infection**. Of the nine patients identified, the blood cultures of less than 5 patients identified an infection.

**Colonisation means germs are on the body but do not make you sick. The other patients are likely to be colonised so will have no signs or symptoms.*

***Infection means that *Morganella morganii* are in or on the body and make you sick, which results in signs and symptoms such as fever, pus from a wound, a high white blood cell count, diarrhoea, or pneumonia.*

Please note where less than five (5) patients have been identified, Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied as the Health Board cannot 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.