

Your request

You requested the following:

1. How many patients have you admitted in the past five years suffering from the effects of Ketamine misuse? (Please provide an annual breakdown)
2. Of these patients, how many were under:
 - a. 25 years old?
 - b. 50 years old?

(Please provide an annual breakdown):

3. Over the past five years, how many patients have been found suffering from 'Ketamine bladder syndrome'?
4. How many patients using Ketamine have been referred to your Substance Misuse Services in the past five years? (Please provide an annual breakdown)
5. What is the current waiting time for inpatient treatment at a Detoxification and Rehabilitation facility for drug and alcohol abuse in your Health Board Area, funded by the NHS?
6. Does your Health Board have a specialist urology clinic? If so, where?

Our response

For questions 1 to 3, we do not hold this information as the data is not held digitally. To determine this, we would have to review all admissions to manually check if Ketamine was listed in the patients notes. Therefore, to comply with your request, we have 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.

4. Our response for question 4 is provided in the table below:

Year	Referrals
Aug-18 to Dec-18	0
2019	4
2020	8
2021	5
2022	8
Jan-23 to Aug-23	4
Total	59

5. For inpatient detox the longest waiting time is currently 2 months.

In relation to residential rehabilitation, we refer patients to their Local Authority (LA) for assessment, and we do not hold information on waitlist times. You may wish to contact the LAs to provide this information.

6. Yes, based in the Urology Outpatients department at the Royal Gwent Hospital (RGH).