

Our Ref: lab/FOI 23-236

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24th May 2023

Jonathan Rainey
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Dear Jonathan Rainey

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, received on 1st May 2023, reference number FOI 23-236. I can confirm that the Health Board has completed a search of its records and has established that it does hold information in relation to your request below:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, can your health board provide:

Annual numbers of people hospitalised in the health board area as a result of dog attacks (or more specifically, dog bites) between 2010 and 2022?

If so, can you also provide data on

- the age range,
- gender and
- location (including health board area) of those who had to be hospitalised due to dog attacks?

Clarification requested and received to confirm the information requested relates to ED/A&E attendances

Please find the information requested on the attached spreadsheet. The Health Board is only able to provide information from 2012 onwards.

Please note it is not possible to identify who or what inflicted the bite (it could be e.g. a dog, an insect, a snake or another human etc.). The location included is the patients' area of residence (where they live) as it is not possible to identify the location of the incident itself.

If you are not satisfied that the information you have requested has been provided, or because of the way your request has been handled, you have the right to request a review. This would be looked into in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) guidelines, which state that a request for review should be received within two months of you receiving the Health Board's response to your request for information.

Please contact Rani Dash, Director of Corporate Governance, Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, Headquarters, St Cadoc's Hospital, Lodge Road, Caerleon, Newport, NP18 3XQ, email: ABB.BoardSecretary@wales.nhs.uk in the first instance if you wish to request a review.

If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you have the right to take your complaint directly to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
2nd Floor
Churchill House
Churchill Way
Cardiff
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Telephone: 0330 414 6421
Email: wales@ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicola Prydgodzciz', with a large circular flourish at the end.

Nicola Prydgodzciz
Prif Weithredwr / Chief Executive