

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/18/121**

### **Spinal Cord Injury Centre – Bed Occupancy Data**

#### **Request details**

1. How many non-spinal cord injured patients were treated in beds in the Spinal Cord Injury Centre between November 1st 2017 and March 1st 2018?
2. In total how many bed days in the Spinal Cord Injury Centre have been used by non-Spinal cord injured patients between November 1st 2017 and March 1st 2018?
3. How many non-spinal cord injured patients were treated in beds in the Spinal Cord Injury Centre between March 1st 2017 and March 1st 2018?
4. In total how many bed days in the Spinal Cord Injury Centre have been used by non-Spinal cord injured patients between March 1st 2017 and March 1st 2018?
5. Do you have a selection criteria for choosing which non-spinal cord injured patients are treated in beds in the Spinal Cord Injury Centre?
6. Please can you share any selection criteria that the trust has in selecting which non-Spinal cord injured patients are treated in beds in the Spinal Cord Injury Centre?
7. On Monday the 5th of February how many beds in the Spinal Cord Injury Centre were being used by general medical patients?
8. How many people with Spinal Cord Injury were on your waiting list for their first acute admission on the following dates: April 1st 2017, November 1st 2017, March 1st 2018?
9. How many people with Spinal Cord Injury were on your waiting list for readmission on the following dates: April 1st 2017, November 1st 2017, March 1st 2018?

## Response Details

As a request under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide the following information in respect of Welsh Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Centre, Rookwood.

1. How many non-spinal cord injured patients were treated in beds in the Spinal Cord Injury Centre between November 1st 2017 and March 1st 2018?

In considering this part of your request, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board believes that the information you seek is exempt from disclosure relying upon Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

Due to the low number of individuals involved the UHB believes there is a potential risk of these individuals being able to be identified if the information you wanted was disclosed in response to your request when this is considered with other information already available within the public domain. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (personal information). Personal information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and schedules 2 and 3 of the Act. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

2. In total how many bed days in the Spinal Cord Injury Centre have been used by non-Spinal cord injured patients between November 1st 2017 and March 1st 2018?

118 days

3. How many non-spinal cord injured patients were treated in beds in the Spinal Cord Injury Centre between March 1st 2017 and March 1st 2018?

Please refer to the answer for Question 1.

4. In total how many bed days in the Spinal Cord Injury Centre have been used by non-Spinal cord injured patients between March 1st 2017 and March 1st 2018?

118 days

5. Do you have a selection criteria for choosing which non-spinal cord injured patients are treated in beds in the Spinal Cord Injury Centre?

WHSSC SCI service specification (2016) includes the admission criteria – relevant section appended including the process by which admission criteria are applied.

In practise the procedure is via MDT review of the MDSAS referral, inreach review of the patient in the acute hospital or more rarely in outpatients and then MDT decision making re admission or outpatient follow up using the criteria in the service specification. The systematic review of psychological or cognitive risk is not a component of this procedure currently.

6. Please can you share any selection criteria that the trust has in selecting which non-Spinal cord injured patients are treated in beds in the Spinal Cord Injury Centre?

Please see the attached document – WHSSC SCI service specification (2016)

7. On Monday the 5th of February how many beds in the Spinal Cord Injury Centre were being used by general medical patients?

Please refer to the answer for Question 1.

8. How many people with Spinal Cord Injury were on your waiting list for their first acute admission on the following dates: April 1st 2017, November 1st 2017, March 1st 2018?

1 /4/17: 15

1/11/17: 10

28/2/18: 10

We do not routinely collect this information. However, we have traced paper copies of the new referrals for dates when these were discussed.

9. How many people with Spinal Cord Injury were on your waiting list for readmission on the following dates: April 1st 2017, November 1st 2017, March 1st 2018?

As with Question 8, we do not routinely collect this information. The information you seek is not centrally recorded and collated and therefore the UHB is refusing your request relying upon section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act - exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit. The information sought would only be recorded within individual patient records and to provide the information wanted would require a manual exercise through these individual records and the UHB estimates the work required to complete this would exceed the time limit allowed within regulations for responding to a request.