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## Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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### Information Requested:

I am writing to make a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I hope that you are the correct body to email, if not I would be grateful if you could direct me to an appropriate contact.

Please state, in the form of a yearly breakdown for the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 (up to the most recent month of available information for NHS Wales):

1. The number of people prescribed medication for acne purposes - please break down and identify gender, age, and ethnicity of patients
2. Identify the name of what drug was prescribed and in what quantity
3. Where possible, please identify the length of prescription per patient, if acne is identified as moderate or severe
4. Please identify the cost of prescribed product
5. Please include any contraceptive medication prescribed to women with acne or skin issues stated as the reason: eg. combined oral contraceptive pills such as Cilest, Rigevidon, Microgynon, Marvelon, Yasmin, Logynon, Microgynon ED.

Please break down information per geographical area in Wales if possible eg. GP practice, NHS trusts, sexual health clinics.

If you cannot provide all of the data, please provide all that is available.

If possible, please could data be sent to me in Excel, not as a PDF.

I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing if you have received this request and I look forward to receiving your response within 20 working days as outlined by the statute.

**Information provided for the answer:**

Thank you for your recent request.

Unfortunately Public Health Wales does not hold the information you need, it would be held by the individual health boards who are responsible for overseeing the hospitals. You will need to contact each Health Board who may be able to give you the information they require.

I have provided links to their contact details below.

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/866/page/39187>

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/861/page/39134>

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

<http://www.cardiffandvaleuhb.wales.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-new>

Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board

<https://cwmtafmorgannwg.wales/foi/>

Swansea Bay University Health Board

<https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/about-us1/foia/>

Hywel Dda University Health Board

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/862/page/52085>

Powys Teaching Health Board

<http://www.powysthb.wales.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information>

I am sorry that I cannot be of more help on this occasion.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision, you should write to the Corporate Complaints Manager, Public Health Wales NHS Trust, 3, Number 2, Capital Quarter, Tyndall Street, Cardiff, CF10 4BZ.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint or review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Trust. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner for Wales

2nd Floor  
Churchill House  
Churchill Way  
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