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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

Date request received	Tuesday 14 th June 2016
Date information is due to be sent	

Information requested:

I would like to know how many cases of Welsh travel associated GI illnesses originating from the following countries have been reported to yourselves and laboratories across Wales over the last six years.

These will likely have been recorded as Notifications Of Infectious Diseases (NOIDS) or notifiable infections and will be marked as travel acquired infection in your GI database.

Instead of just total number of infections, I would like individual statistics for the number of laboratory confirmed illness by type contracted by Welsh travellers having visited the following countries Greece, Spain, Portugal, Cyprus, Canary islands, Balearics, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mexico, Egypt, USA, Tunisia, Turkey, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Bulgaria, Malta, Cape Verde, Morocco.

For the purposes of my enquiry, I am interested in laboratory-confirmed gastrointestinal (GI) illness will include laboratory confirmed cases of Salmonella [non typhoidal], Campylobacter, Shigella, Cryptosporidium, Giardia lamblia, E-coli, Ciguatera, Hepatitis E, Cyclospora, and selected enteroviruses.

I am also interested in the number of cases of bloody diarrhoea.

I would also like you to tell me if and where statistics will be held for tourists who present to GP surgeries with severe travellers Diarrhoea.

Information provided for the answer

Dear Sir

The NOIDS information requested is not available in published data made available to Public Health Wales by Public Health England detailed at link 3 . Not all the organisms covered by this request would be specifically available, except as 'Food Poisoning'. This data can be seen at link 2 below

Some, but not all the infections listed would be likely to produce bloody diarrhoea.

1. <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/home.cfm?orgid=457> CDSC Wales data general
2. <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sites3/page.cfm?orgid=457&pid=25231> food poisoning data
3. <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england> UK wide data

In regards to bloody diarrhoea, some, but not all of the infections listed would be likely to produce bloody diarrhoea

Public Health Wales does not specifically collect data on severe traveller's diarrhoea, it may be available at Public Health England.

If your request for information is part of a research project, our scientists are more than willing to discuss your project over the phone or indeed for you to visit to see how we could assist.

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