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## Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

<b>FOI Reference:</b>	<b>FOI 277</b>
<b>Date request received</b>	<b>21 November 2019</b>
<b>Date information is due to be sent</b>	<b>N/A</b>

### Information Requested:

*I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information: I would like to know about Sativex prescriptions within NHS Wales since 2014.*

*Specifically I would like to know the following:*

- How many patients have been prescribed Sativex within NHS Wales since 2014? I would like this to be broken up into figures for each year since 2014 – preferably with each year’s data starting from August or the earliest date in which prescriptions were recorded. If this is not possible I’m happy to receive it as calendar or financial year, but please specify which is supplied.*
- If possible I would also like to know how much is spent on Sativex in each of the corresponding calendar/financial years by NHS Wales.*

*Please provide the information in the form of a spreadsheet.*

*If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.*

### Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your recent request. Public Health Wales does not hold the information requested.

For information on Dispensing data we would advise you to contact NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership [NWSSPinformationgovernance@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:NWSSPinformationgovernance@wales.nhs.uk). They may hold the information that you require.

The <http://www.primarycareservices.wales.nhs.uk/general-practice-prescribing-data-extrac> may also be useful for you.

In the event that you haven't already contacted the various Health Boards in Wales, 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>

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

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Churchill House  
Churchill Way

Cardiff  
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