

Reference:	FOI.12090.23
Subject:	Transfer for treatment out of jurisdiction area
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Requested:

In the last 5 years, how many patients that live within the boundaries of the Health Board have received treatment outside of the Hywel Dda University Health Board jurisdiction area?

Is data collected for where these patients are transferred to? If so, please could the locations be provided.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, the requested information, at Attachment 1.

Please note:- the data provided for outpatient activity is for attendances only and does not include cancellations or 'did not attend' appointments.

Additionally, where the figures in the table have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) / UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR defines personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.