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| <b>Reference:</b>       | FOI.17992.25   |
| <b>Subject:</b>         | Accident and Emergency (A&E) attendances and hospital admissions |
| <b>Date of Request:</b> | 4 August 2025  |

**Requested:**

Please find below a freedom of information request relating to hospital and A&E attendance at hospitals in your area.

For each of the following questions, please provide data for each of these financial years:

- 2025/2026 (So Far)
- 2024/2025
- 2023/2024

1a. Please provide the total number of A&E attendances by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address.

1b. If possible, please outline how many of these attendances were at the weekend.

2a. Please also provide the number of these individuals (as outlined in Q1a) who attended with a primary/secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning.

2b. If possible, please outline how many of these were at the weekend.

3a. Please provide the total number of hospital admissions by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address for each of the same financial years.

3b. If possible, please outline how many of these admissions were at the weekend.

4a. Please also provide the number of these individuals (as outlined in Q3) who were admitted with a primary/secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning.

4b. If possible, please outline how many of these were at the weekend.

**Response:**

Where the figures within the below tables have been replaced with an asterisk (\*), Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low number of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB has also replaced totals that could be used to calculate the redacted figure with a double asterisk (\*\*). The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the FoIA. 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 define 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.

1a. The UHB provides within the table below, the total number of A&E attendances by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address (NFA), as recorded on the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) during the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years, along with 1 January to 13 August 2025.

| <b>Time period</b>         | <b>Number</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 2023/24                    | 214           |
| 2024/25                    | 200           |
| 1 January – 13 August 2025 | 94            |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>508</b>    |

1b. Of those detailed within the response to question 1a, the UHB provides within the table below, the number of patients of NFA who presented on the weekends during the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years, along with 1 January to 13 August 2025.

| <b>Time period</b>         | <b>Number</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 2023/24                    | 61            |
| 2024/25                    | 58            |
| 1 January – 13 August 2025 | 21            |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>140</b>    |

2a. Of those detailed within the response to question 1a, the UHB provides within the table below, the number of patients of NFA who attended A&E and subsequently received a primary or secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning during the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years, along with 1 January to 13 August 2025.

| <b>Time period</b>         | <b>Number</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 2023/24                    | 18            |
| 2024/25                    | 17            |
| 1 January – 13 August 2025 | 5             |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>40</b>     |

2b. Of those detailed within the response to question 2a, the UHB provides within the table below, the number of patients of NFA, who presented themselves to A&E on the weekends and subsequently received a primary or secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning during the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years, along with 1 January to 13 August 2025.

| <b>Time period</b>         | <b>Number</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 2023/24                    | 6             |
| 2024/25                    | 5             |
| 1 January – 13 August 2025 | *             |
| <b>Total</b>               | **            |

3a. The UHB provides within the table below, the total number of hospital admissions for patients of NFA, as recorded on WPAS during the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years, along with 1 January to 13 August 2025.

| <b>Time period</b> | <b>Number</b> |
|--------------------|---------------|
| 2023/24            | 36            |
| 2024/25            | 30            |

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1 January – 13 August 2025 | 14        |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>80</b> |

3b. Of those detailed within response to question 3a, the UHB provides within the table below, the number of hospital admissions for patients of NFA that took place on the weekends during the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years, along with 1 January to 13 August 2025.

| <b>Time period</b>         | <b>Number</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 2023/24                    | 9             |
| 2024/25                    | 8             |
| 1 January – 13 August 2025 | 5             |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>22</b>     |

4a. Of those detailed within response to question 3a, the UHB provides within the table below, the number of patients of NFA, who were admitted to hospital with a primary or secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning, during the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years, along with 1 January to 13 August 2025.

| <b>Time period</b>         | <b>Number</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 2023/24                    | 24            |
| 2024/25                    | 14            |
| 1 January – 13 August 2025 | *             |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>**</b>     |

4b. Of those detailed within response to question 4a, the UHB provides within the table below, the number of patients of NFA who were admitted to hospital on the weekend with a primary or secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning, during the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years, along with 1 January to 13 August 2025.

| <b>Time period</b>         | <b>Number</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| 2023/24                    | 7             |
| 2024/25                    | 6             |
| 1 January – 13 August 2025 | *             |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>**</b>     |