

Reference:	FOI.16288.25
Subject:	Accident and Emergency (A&E) attendances for assault
Date of Request:	6 January 2025

Requested:

Data required:

Attendances to Emergency Departments for assault-related injury for period between 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024:

1. We require the gender of the patient (M or F), the date that they attended due to assault (dd/mm/yyyy) and their age. Age can either be numerical to the nearest year (preferred) or in age bands ("0-10", "11-17", "18-30", "31-50", "51+"), we can also accept date of birth.
2. To calculate the level of assault-related injury in England and Wales we also require the total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e., 2024.
3. Please also include the names of hospitals (including Minor Injury Units and Walk-in Centres) providing assault data.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is withholding some information under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), as there is a risk of identifying individuals should this information be disclosed.

Specifically, the UHB is unable to provide you with the information broken down by the date of attendance at its A&E Departments, Minor Injury Units (MIU) and walk-in centres, due to assault, and it has also replaced some data within the table with an asterisk (*) because of the low number of cases (less than 5).

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.

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance and therefore, provides information below for the 2023 calendar year.

1. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of attendances due to assault at the UHB's A&E Departments in Bronglais General Hospital (BGH), Glangwili General Hospital (GGH) and Withybush General Hospital (WGH), by gender and age range, as recorded on the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS), during the period 1 January to 31 December 2024.

Hospital	Age range	0-10		11-17		18-30		31-50		51+	
	Gender	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
BGH		0	0	*	*	17	*	12	6	*	*
GGH		0	0	8	8	36	20	26	17	17	10
WGH		*	*	23	12	55	25	40	29	9	13

2. The UHB provides within the table below, the total number of attendances at the UHB's A&E Departments in BGH, GGH and WGH, by gender and age range, as recorded on the WPAS, during the period 1 January to 31 December 2024.

Hospital	Age range	0-10		11-17		18-30		31-50		51+	
	Gender	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
BGH		1,634	1,395	1,093	919	2,666	3,335	2,575	2,736	6,801	7,040
GGH		4,063	3,246	2,103	2,042	3,218	4,326	4,585	5,236	11,098	11,429
WGH		2,025	1,528	1,882	1,496	3,195	3,357	4,320	4,487	9,648	10,912

3. The UHB provides within the tables below, the total number of attendances and those due to assault at its MIUs at Cardigan Integrated Care Centre (CICC) and Prince Philip Hospital (PPH) and its walk-in centre at Tenby Cottage Hospital (TCH), by gender and age range, as recorded on the WPAS, during the period 1 January to 31 December 2024.

Hospital	Age range	0-10		11-17		18-30		31-50		51+	
	Gender	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
CICC		0	0	*	0	*	*	*	*	*	*
PPH		0	0	6	7	23	21	32	29	17	10
TCH		0	0	*	*	*	0	*	0	0	0

Hospital	Age range	0-10		11-17		18-30		31-50		51+	
	Gender	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
CICC		476	412	609	569	846	811	1293	1,486	3,583	4,369
PPH		1,687	1,458	1,970	1,368	2,660	2,571	3,613	3,625	5,444	6,703
TCH		327	237	292	252	320	333	476	640	1,269	1,525

In addition to the total attendances data provided in the table for question 2 on the previous page and the in the table above, the WPAS identified a total of six (6) attendees with a gender recorded as indeterminate. However, the UHB is unable to breakdown by age range or hospital due to low numbers; therefore, a Section 40 exemption has been applied. Please see full exemption explanation at the beginning of the response.