

Reference:	FOI.9446.22
Subject:	Accident and Emergency (A&E) attendances
Date of Request:	21 July 2022

Requested:

1. The number of A&E attendances on July 18, 2022 and July 19, 2022, with a primary or secondary diagnosis of:
 - T67 Effects of heat and light
 - L55 Sunburn
2. The number of finished admission episodes on July 18, 2022 and July 19, 2022, with a primary or secondary diagnosis of:
 - T67 Effects of heat and light
 - L55 Sunburn
3. The number of occasions on July 18, 2022, and July 19, 2022, where an occupied ward or clinical area had a daily maximum temperature exceeded 26°C. Please include each occupied ward or clinical area having a daily maximum of over 26°C as one incident (e.g. if two wards exceeded the daily maximum temperature for two days and one clinical area exceeded the threshold for one day then the number of occasions to be reported is five).

Please provide the information as a spreadsheet or CSV file.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

The UHB’s Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) does not record the information requested based on national codes. Therefore, in order to provide you with all of the information requested, the UHB would be required to undertake a manual trawl of all Accident and Emergency (A&E) patient notes, to identify the number of patients that were seen and admitted, for the dates requested, in order to fulfil your request.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, we are required as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under FoIA. Therefore, the UHB has undertaken a search for the information held on local diagnosis codes in relation to sunburn.

The UHB provides the information it holds within the attached spreadsheet, as requested, at Attachment 1.