

Reference:	FOI.8662.22
Subject:	Accident and Emergency (A&E) Black Alerts
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Requested:

I write about an FOI on the number of black alerts issued in your health board area since 2017. I would be grateful if you could let me know the following information:

1. How many Level 5 incidents / "black alerts" were issued by the health board in 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and so far in 2022?
2. How many Level 4 incidents / "red alerts" were issued by the health board in 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21 and so far in 2022?
3. If possible, a breakdown of the Levels 4 and 5 incidents by hospital and month in the years listed above?

Clarified

The emergency department escalation status will be fine, and the first count of the day should be okay too.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of Level 5 incidents, as recorded at the first count of the day, for the financial years 2017/18 to 2021/22.

Financial year	Level 5 incidents
2017/18	0
2018/19	0
2019/20	1
2020/21	1
2021/22	0

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of Level 4 incidents, as recorded at the first count of the day, for the financial years 2017/18 to 2021/22.

Financial year	Level 4 incidents
2017/18	163
2018/19	128
2019/20	258
2020/21	109
2021/22	643

3. The UHB provides, within the tables below, a breakdown of the Level 4 and 5 incidents, by hospital and month, for the financial years 2017/18 to 2021/22.

Level 4 incidents

2017/18	Bronglais General Hospital	Glangwili General Hospital	Prince Philip General Hospital	Withybush General Hospital
April	0	3	0	2
May	3	0	0	2
June	0	1	0	0
July	9	0	0	0
August	0	1	0	5
September	8	7	0	1
October	6	6	0	6
November	5	1	0	2
December	3	2	1	4
January	4	7	6	5
February	7	8	6	12
March	9	3	7	11
Total	54	39	20	50
2018/19				
April	8	4	0	9
May	1	4	0	5
June	3	1	0	5
July	2	2	1	4
August	0	2	0	2
September	3	0	0	4
October	6	0	0	4
November	1	3	0	7
December	1	2	1	4
January	2	2	3	10
February	3	0	0	4
March	2	4	1	8
Total	32	24	6	66
2019/20				
April	9	5	1	4
May	3	1	0	4
June	3	3	0	3
July	0	1	0	1
August	0	1	0	0
September	8	3	0	3
October	4	2	3	6
November	7	7	5	21
December	14	15	10	21
January	11	12	12	17
February	0	2	4	22
March	1	0	0	9
Total	60	52	35	111
2020/21				
April	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0
August	0	1	0	0

September	0	3	1	0
October	4	0	1	0
November	6	8	2	2
December	5	13	6	7
January	1	14	3	2
February	4	1	2	2
March	5	8	1	7
Total	25	48	16	20
2021/22				
April	0	6	13	1
May	2	3	7	3
June	14	7	15	3
July	2	9	9	6
August	13	20	8	14
September	12	17	9	20
October	18	17	16	21
November	27	17	7	19
December	25	18	9	27
January	17	15	8	27
February	14	19	7	25
March	29	15	7	26
Total	173	163	115	192

Level 5 incidents				
Month and year	Bronglais General Hospital	Glangwili General Hospital	Prince Philip General Hospital	Withybush General Hospital
January 2020	1	0	0	0
October 2021	0	0	0	1