

Reference:	FOI.20624.26
Subject:	Acute Cholecystitis
Date of Request:	8 June 2026

Requested:

I am writing to request the 30-day and 90-day mortality rates for patients with a diagnosis of Acute Cholecystitis at Hywel Dda hospitals over the last 5 years please.

If the specific request above is not possible / I have not worded it correctly / other statistics related to treatment of Cholecystitis do exist, or you can point me to them online.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold the information exactly as requested. The diagnosis information recorded by the UHB should not be considered the cause of death, as this along with any contributing factors is determined by the coroner, who is appointed by the Local Authority (LA). We therefore recommend that you redirect this part of your request to the Freedom of Information Teams within each LA in the UHB's footprint, who may be able to help you with your enquiry. Their contact details are set out below:

- Information & Data Protection Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP or by email foia@carmarthenshire.gov.uk
- Complaints & Freedom of Information Team, Ceredigion County Council, Canolfan Rheidol, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3UE or by email foi@ceredigion.gov.uk
- Information Governance Team, Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TP or by email FOI@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

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. The UHB confirms one thousand, two hundred and seventy-seven (1,277) patients received a primary diagnosis within an inpatient setting for Acute Cholecystitis, during the period 1 June 2021 to 31 May 2026. Provided within the table below, are the number of those patients that died less than thirty (30) days, between thirty (30) and ninety (90) days and over ninety (90) days following their discharge from hospital. It is important to note that these numbers do not reflect a cause of death.

Days between discharge and date of death	Number	Percentage (%)
Less than 30 days	16	1.25%
Between 30 and 90 days	18	1.41%
Over 90 days	106	8.30%

Please note: in cases where a patient is diagnosed more than once in the five year period, the information provided within the table only includes those with a first diagnosis.