

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.16351 & 16376.25
<b>Subject:</b>	Allergies
<b>Date of Request:</b>	13 January and 15 January 2025

**Requested:**

FOI.16351

I would like to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information: (please provide the figures from January 2022 - present, in calendar years not fiscal).

1. How many admissions of children (persons under the age of 18) were made to hospitals for allergic reactions and anaphylaxis caused by food? Please breakdown of the data per year, and according to the type and cause of allergic reaction or anaphylaxis.
2. How many admissions of adults (persons aged 18 and over) were made to hospitals for allergic reactions and anaphylaxis caused by food? Please breakdown of the data per year, and according to the type and cause of allergic reaction or anaphylaxis.

FOI.16376

I would like to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information: (please provide the figures from January 2022 - present, in calendar years not fiscal).

1. How many children (persons under the age of 18) have been prescribed with adrenaline auto-injectors (AAI) since 2022? Please provide a breakdown of the data per year.
2. How many adults (persons aged 18 and over) have been prescribed with adrenaline auto-injectors (AAI) since 2022? Please provide a breakdown of the data per year.

**Response:**

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1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of admissions of children within the UHB for allergic reactions and anaphylaxis caused by food, during the calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

	2022	2023	2024	Total
<b>Allergy to food</b>	16	23	20	59
<b>Anaphylaxis due to food</b>	*	*	20	11

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of admissions of adults within the UHB for allergic reactions and anaphylaxis caused by food, during the calendar years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

	2022	2023	2024	Total
<b>Allergy to food</b>	*	*	*	6
<b>Anaphylaxis due to food</b>	*	*	*	8

Where the figures in the tables have been replaced with an asterisk (\*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (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.

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The UHB is unable to provide you with 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 Act 2000 and the Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the data requested, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all adults and children's patient records, to identify any information that would fulfil your request, as this is not held centrally.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the 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, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under the FoIA. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds below.

1. & 2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of adrenaline auto-injectors that have been issued to both adults and children for primary and secondary care, during the 2022 and 2023 calendar years and during the period 1 January to 31 October 2024.

<b>Years</b>	<b>Number issued (Primary Care)</b>	<b>Number issued (Secondary Care)</b>
2022	4,963	215
2023	5,105	246
1 January – 31 October 2024	4,422	210