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Subject:	Allergies
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Requested:

I would like to request the following information regarding reports of severe allergic reactions in those under 16 in Wales.

1. How many hospital admissions have occurred due to allergic reaction in individuals under 16 years old in the last 5 years?
2. Of these, please provide a breakdown of the causes of the allergic reactions.
3. If possible, please provide data on how many of these occurred on school premises.

Response:

1. & 2. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table overleaf, the number of children and young people (CYP) under sixteen (16) years of age admitted to hospital due to an allergic reaction, by diagnosis, as is recorded on the UHB's Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS), for the 2021 to 2025 calendar years.

Where the figures in the table have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low number 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 (UK GDPR), 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

Diagnosis	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Allergic rhinitis due to pollen	*	0	*	*	*
Allergic rhinitis, unspecified	*	0	*	0	*
Predominantly allergic asthma	*	0	5	*	*
Allergic and dietetic gastroenteritis and colitis	*	0	0	*	*
Allergic contact dermatitis due to food in contact with skin	0	0	*	*	0
Allergic contact dermatitis, unspecified cause	0	0	*	*	0
Poisoning: Other and unspecified drugs, medicaments and biological substances	0	*	*	*	*
Anaphylactic shock due to adverse food reaction	7	*	*	8	5

Other adverse food reactions, not elsewhere classified	16	16	22	24	19
Anaphylactic shock, unspecified	0	*	*	*	0
Allergy, unspecified	12	8	10	10	7
Anaphylactic shock due to serum	0	*	0	0	0
Other serum reactions	0	0	0	0	*
Anaphylactic shock due to adverse effect of correct drug or medicament properly administered	0	0	*	0	0
Unspecified adverse effect of drug or medicament	*	0	0	*	0
Total	42	30	47	57	41

3. The UHB does not hold the requested information, as it is not routinely recorded.