

Reference:	FOI.1594.19
Subject:	Allergy related hospital admissions
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Requested

1. How many allergy-related hospital admissions did you see in each year between 2008, and 2018?
2. If possible, please provide a breakdown of how many of these cases were related to food.
3. If possible, please produce a breakdown of how many of these cases related to under-12s, and under 19s.

I would like this information broken down by year, i.e. in 2008 there were XX, in 2009 there were XX.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms the allergy related admissions for the requested periods by year in the table overleaf:

Calendar Year	Bronglais General Hospital	Glangwili General Hospital	Prince Philip Hospital	Withybush General Hospital	Total
2008	37	36	21	33	127
2009	13	21	13	17	64
2010	27	38	20	15	100
2011	16	39	35	33	123
2012	19	36	16	26	97
2013	36	40	20	51	147
2014	45	40	34	52	171
2015	30	55	28	33	146
2016	31	69	49	52	201
2017	30	80	59	77	246
2018	15	109	81	91	296
Total	299	563	376	480	1718

2. The UHB confirms the number of cases which were related to food in the table below:

Calendar Year	Bronglais General Hospital	Glangwili General Hospital	Prince Philip Hospital	Withybush General Hospital	Total
2008	*	7	*	6	19
2009	*	*	*	7	14
2010	*	7	*	8	20
2011	*	*	*	*	14
2012	*	8	*	6	20

2013	10	*	*	7	18
2014	15	*	*	6	27
2015	12	12	*	*	29
2016	*	13	*	*	23
2017	6	16	*	*	29
2018	*	13	8	*	27
Total	68	88	25	59	240

3. The UHB confirms the number of cases related to under 12s, and under 19s in the table overleaf:

Calendar Year	Bronglais General Hospital		Glangwili General Hospital		Prince Philip Hospital		Withybush General Hospital		Total
	Under 12s	Under 19s	Under 12s	Under 19s	Under 12s	Under 19s	Under 12s	Under 19s	
2008	6	6	15	*	0	*	9	*	44
2009	*	*	*	6	0	*	10	*	28
2010	9	*	16	10	0	*	6	*	44
2011	8	*	13	*	0	*	9	*	38
2012	11	*	12	*	0	*	12	*	41
2013	21	*	8	*	0	*	15	*	54
2014	20	*	9	*	0	*	15	*	56
2015	17	*	23	9	0	*	8	*	58
2016	6	*	29	6	0	*	9	*	54
2017	11	*	22	20	0	*	*	*	68
2018	*	*	25	14	0	*	8	*	56
Total	116	28	**	84	0	9	**	22	541

Where the figures in the tables in questions 2 and 3 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 (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB has also replaced totals which could be used to calculate the redacted figure with a double asterisk (**). The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018/ General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 defines personal data as data which 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.