

Reference:	FOI.13181.23
Subject:	Accident and Emergency (A&E) waiting times
Date of Request:	21 November 2023

Requested:

I am writing to request the total number of patients who have waited 24-hours or more in the Hywel Dda Emergency Departments for each month since January 2011 to the present day.

I am requesting that the data be split by site. And under each site it should include a column without the application of breach exemptions / clinical exceptions (so the raw figure before breach exemptions were applied) and a column with the application of breach exemptions (so the figure provided to Stats Wales).

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, the information requested within Attachment 1.

However, 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 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 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.