

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.10694.23
<b>Subject:</b>	Attendance at Accident and Emergency (A&E) Departments due to assault
<b>Date of Request:</b>	14 January 2023

### **Requested:**

The data we require are as follows (for period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022) in an electronic format that allows us to read the data into a database. Many hospitals respond to our survey and provide data in the form we require. Preferably this format is in an excel file or comma separated text file.

1. Data required (for period between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023).  
We require:
  - The gender of the patient (M or F)
  - The date that they attended due to assault (dd/mm/yyyy)
  - Their age. Age can either be numerical to the nearest year (preferred) or in age bands ("0-10", "11-17", "18-30", "31-50", "51+"), we can also accept date of birth.
2. To calculate the level of assault-related injury in England and Wales we also require the total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e., 2022.

Please also include the names of hospitals (including Minor Injury Units and Walk-in Centres) providing assault data.

### **Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information broken down by the date of attendance at A&E Departments due to assault, as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if these details were disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

Additionally, where the figures in the table below have been replaced with an asterisk (\*), this is due to the low numbers (5 and under). Therefore, there is again a risk of identifying individuals and so, the same exemption is being applied.

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 define 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.

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 and therefore, provides information below for the 2022 calendar year.

1. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of attendances at the UHB's A&E Departments for assault, by acute hospital, gender and age range, during the period 1 January to 31 December 2022.

Hospital	Age range	0-10		11-17		18-30		31-50		51+	
	Gender	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Bronglais General Hospital (BGH)		0	0	*	7	47	24	44	19	14	*
Glangwili General Hospital (GGH)		*	*	10	7	44	17	49	15	14	10
Prince Philip Hospital (PPH)		*	*	14	8	39	29	42	38	20	7
Withybush General Hospital (WGH)		*	0	15	9	49	26	28	17	12	21

2. The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the total number of attendances at the UHB's A&E Departments, by acute hospital, gender and age range, during the period 1 January to 31 December 2022.

Hospital	Age range	0-10		11-17		18-30		31-50		51+	
	Gender	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
BGH		1,703	1,365	1,060	868	2,900	3,254	2,506	2,568	6,327	6,559
GGH		4,260	3,404	2,053	1,853	3,095	4,116	4,468	4,548	10,493	10,595
PPH		1,816	1,674	1,944	1,385	2,999	2,575	3,814	3,738	5,140	5,962
WGH		1,902	1,560	1,754	1,398	3,229	3,386	4,021	4,189	9,211	10,049