

Reference:	FOI.3583.20
Subject:	Attendances at A&E departments for 'smoke inhalation' injuries
Date of Request:	16 July 2020

Requested:

The information requested is, a breakdown by hospital of the number of people attending A&E departments for 'smoke inhalation' injuries and their occupation is recorded as a Police Officer or Police Community Support Officer.

I am looking for statistics that cover the previous five years.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide the occupation as requested as the UHB does not routinely record information regarding the profession of the person attending A&E departments.

The UHB is able to provide, within the table below, the number of attendances at all the UHB's A&E departments with a diagnosis code of smoke inhalation, by hospital for the calendar years 2015 to 2019.

Hospital	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Bronglais General Hospital	*	*	*	11	11
Glangwili General Hospital	*	20	18	19	11
Prince Philip Hospital	7	11	*	11	8
Withybush General Hospital	10	10	6	*	15

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 numbers of cases (5 and under), 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. 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.