

Reference:	FOI.6785.21
Subject:	Attendances at hospital by children without underlying health conditions
Date of Request:	31 August 2021

Requested:

Since 1 March 2020 how many children aged 12-15 years WITHOUT underlying conditions:

1. Attended hospitals within your trust/group seeking treatment for symptoms of COVID-19?
2. Were diagnosed with COVID-19 after attending hospital for reasons unrelated to COVID-19?
3. Were admitted and stayed for 1 night or more?
4. Were admitted to ICU and/or required intubation?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the requested information, the UHB would need to undertake a manual search of patient records of the children that required hospital treatment and those that were admitted to hospital and manually scrutinise them, to identify any data that fulfils your request, as this information is not recorded centrally.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.