

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.032
<b>Subject:</b>	Autopsies
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**Requested**

For each of the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 please may you provide:

1. The total number of adult (aged 17 and above) deaths within your Trust (on Trust sites) between 1st January and 31st December.
2. The number of Hospital (consent) autopsies carried out on adult (aged 17 and above) deaths which occurred between 1st January and 31st December.
3. The total number of paediatric (aged 16 and below) deaths within your Trust (on Trust sites) between 1st January and 31st December.
4. The number of Hospital (consent) autopsies carried out on paediatric (aged 16 and below) deaths which occurred between 1st January and 31st December.

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board does not collect data relating to the number of deaths and cause of death, this data is collected by the Office of National Statistics (ONS). The ONS regularly publishes its data in accessible formats on its website; the UHB has therefore applied a Section 21 exemption to this request as the information is accessible by another means. The ONS website can be accessed via this link: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/>
2. The table below provides the number of hospital consented autopsies carried out between 1 January and 31 December of 2014, 2015 and 2016.

Calendar Year	Number of autopsies
2014	1
2015	2
2016	1

3. Please see response to question 1.
4. The UHB does not perform hospital consented paediatric autopsies, these are all undertaken at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. In order to obtain this information the UHB would recommend you redirect your request onto Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, more information on how to do this is available via the following link:

<http://www.cardiffandvaleuhb.wales.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-new>