

Reference:	FOI.4274.20
Subject:	Births and stillbirths
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Requested:

Could you please provide figures for:

1. The number of live births for 2018, 2019 and 2020 to date, providing a breakdown per month?
2. The number of stillbirths for 2018, 2019 and 2020 to date, providing a breakdown per month?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of live births, by month, for the calendar years 2018, 2019 and 1 January to 30 September 2020.

Month	2018	2019	2020 to 30/9/20
January	255	255	246
February	253	246	250
March	307	270	264
April	243	227	255
May	248	275	263
June	265	259	230
July	271	258	252
August	263	254	246
September	293	243	318
October	266	270	N/A
November	256	227	N/A
December	245	263	N/A

2. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of stillbirths, by year, for the calendar years 2018, 2019 and 1 January to 30 September 2020.

Stillbirths	2018	2019	2020 to 30/9/20
Number	16	15	6

The UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of stillbirths broken down by month due to the low numbers of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. Therefore, the UHB has provided the numbers for the full years 2018, 2019 and year to 30 September for 2020.

The UHB is withholding these details 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.