

Reference:	FOI.19083.25
Subject:	Care in non-clinical areas
Date of Request:	10 December 2025

Requested:

1. In the financial years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, please provide the total number of patients who received care or clinical attention in corridors or other non-designated clinical areas. Please breakdown by financial year if possible.
2. In the financial years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, please provide the total number the total number of hours patients collectively spent receiving corridor care. Please breakdown by financial year if possible.
3. In the financial years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, please provide the longest individual recorded duration a patient spent receiving care in a corridor or non-designated area during each year. Please breakdown by financial year if possible.
4. In the financial years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, please provide copies of any risk assessments, safety reviews, or incident reports specifically relating to the use of corridor care. Please breakdown by financial year if possible.
5. In the financial years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, please provide the total number of patients who presented with [Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections \(CAUTIs\)](#) whilst in your care. Please breakdown by financial year if possible.
6. In the financial years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, please provide the total number of patients who presented with [Surgical Site Infections \(SSIs\)](#) whilst in your care. Please breakdown by financial year if possible.
7. In the financial years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, please provide the total number of patients who presented with [Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections \(CLABSIs\)](#) whilst in your care. Please breakdown by financial year if possible.
8. In the financial years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, please provide the total number of patients who presented with [Clostridioides difficile \(C. diff\) Infections](#) whilst in your care. Please breakdown by financial year if possible.
9. In the financial years 2020 - 2021, 2021 - 2022, 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024, 2024 - 2025, please provide the total number of patients who presented with [Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus \(MRSA\)](#) whilst in your care. Please breakdown by financial year if possible.

Response:

1. – 4. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has received a similar Freedom of Information Request, FOI.18871.25 - Corridor Care.

Therefore, this information is exempt under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which states that information is exempt if it is intended that the information held by the public authority will be published at a future date. The request will be published on the UHB's disclosure log accessible via our website.

This exemption applies if, when you receive a request for information, you are preparing the material and definitely intend for it to be published and it is reasonable not to disclose it until then.

This exemption is qualified; therefore, even if information falls within Section 22, public authorities must then apply a public interest test. The information can only be withheld if the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The UHB has therefore considered the following:

In favour of disclosure: There is a public interest in transparency with regard to how the UHB manages its information. Disclosure of the information builds trust in how the UHB conducts itself and demonstrates openness and honesty with the public. There is also an intention by the UHB to publish the requested information.

Against Disclosure: Disclosure of the information being requested, could have a negative impact on the ongoing management and publication of FOI.18871.25, which is currently being finalised and intended for publication within a matter of weeks. Disclosure would also cause duplication of information being processed by UHB departments in turn causing unnecessary additional work for staff, impacting on their service delivery to patients. The UHB intends to publish information imminently therefore the processing of an almost duplicate request would add unnecessary strain to already large workloads and potentially impact the UHB's ability to fulfil its statutory deadlines.

Decision: - The UHB has considered that releasing the information under the FoIA, to which the UHB is subject, would impede upon the UHB's management of Freedom of Information requests and would cause unnecessary duplication in workloads. Therefore, the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the interests in disclosing it given the timing of the publication of the further FOI response.

For ease of reference, please click on the link below, which will take you directly to the UHB's disclosure log webpage:

[Disclosure Log - Hywel Dda University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/foi/disclosure-log)

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. Therefore, the UHB provides the information that does not fall within the scope of the Section 22 exemption below.

It should be noted that infections on the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) are coded as 'hospital acquired' or 'not recorded as hospital acquired'. The WPAS would only record infections as 'hospital acquired' if the clinician states so on a patient's record. As such patients on the WPAS recorded as 'not recorded as hospital acquired' may in fact relate to an infection that was actually Hospital Acquired. Therefore, the figures provided include patients recorded on WPAS both for 'hospital acquired' and 'not recorded as hospital acquired'.

5. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of patients recorded on the WPAS at their time of discharge between 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2025, as having presented with a Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) during their admission.

Financial Year	Number
2020/21	8
2021/22	10
2022/23	28
2023/24	43
2024/25	74

6. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of patients recorded on the WPAS at their time of discharge between 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2025, as having presented with a hospital acquired Surgical Site Infections (SSIs) during their admission.

Financial Year	Number
2020/21	111
2021/22	85
2022/23	74
2023/24	251
2024/25	275

7. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of patients recorded on the WPAS at their time of discharge between 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2025, as having presented with a hospital acquired Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSIs) during their admission.

Financial Year	Number
2020/21	0
2021/22	*
2022/23	0
2023/24	9
2024/25	6

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 number of cases (less than 5), 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 FoIA. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR defines personal data as data that 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.

8. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of patients recorded as having a hospital acquired Clostridioides Difficile (C. diff) Infection within their episode of care, between 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2025.

Financial Year	Number
2020/21	138
2021/22	152
2022/23	204
2023/24	182
2024/25	184

9. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of patients recorded as having a hospital acquired Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) within their episode of care, between 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2025.

Financial Year	Number
2020/21	10
2021/22	16
2022/23	14
2023/24	10
2024/25	11