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Subject:	Consented adult autopsies
Date of Request:	22 October 2020

Requested:

Please may you provide the number of consented adult autopsies performed within your health board area in the year 2019?

Some comments to help clarify the request are included below:

- An **autopsy** is an invasive examination of a deceased body, where organs are removed and inspected, typically by a pathologist. This does not include single-organ retrieval, for example, brain donation. It also does not include anatomical dissection/prosection performed only for the purposes of teaching healthcare students.
- A **consented autopsy** (also known as a hospital autopsy) is an autopsy where the legal basis relied upon is consent, rather than the instruction of a coroner.
- **2019** refers to the date of the evisceration stage of the autopsy, rather than the date of death or the completion of the autopsy report.
- **'Adult'** means where the deceased was 18 years or over at the time of death.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that no consented adult autopsies were performed in 2019.