

Reference:	FOI.4315.20
Subject:	COVID-19 hospital bed occupancy
Date of Request:	19 October 2020

Requested:

I am looking to obtain data pertaining to the utilisation of hospital capacity within the HDUHB due to a Covid19-related illness.

Specifically, for the period 23rd March 2020 to 16th October 2020, by day:

1. The number of beds classified as "set aside" for the purposes of treatment for those patients with a positive Covid 19 test (all methods, inclusive of PCR and Antibody).
2. The day-to-day number of those beds that were occupied by said patients.
3. The total number of critical care beds available.
4. The day-to-day total of those beds that were occupied by patients of all relevant illnesses.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the information requested, Attachment 1.

Please note, the data held is only available from 4 April 2020 for questions 1 and 2, and from 13 April 2020, and for questions 3 and 4.

Where the figures in the tables have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (5 and under), 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 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.