

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.7504.21
<b>Subject:</b>	COVID-19 positive tests in Hywel Dda Hospitals
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**Requested:**

I would like to ask between December 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 and October 31<sup>st</sup> 2021, how many patients entered the Hywel Dda hospital system and of those:

- a) How many were tested for coronavirus on entry into the system
- b) How many of those came back with a positive result
- c) How many exited the system
- d) How many died within 28 days

Split by county (Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire) and month in a format that is easy to produce and access.

**Response:**

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

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 (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB has also replaced totals which could be used to calculate the redacted figure with a double asterisk (\*\*). The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the FoIA. 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 define 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.