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Subject:	COVID-19
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Requested:

Please can you supply me with the following information, as of today, 27th October 2020:

1. How many COVID-19 patients are you treating at hospitals in the Hywel Dda trust?
2. How many of those patients are in intensive care units?
3. The total number of hospital beds in the trust?
4. How many of those beds are currently occupied?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that 66 patients were being treated for COVID-19 across the UHB, as at 27 October 2020.
2. The UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients being treated in Critical Care beds as at 27 October 2020, 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.

3. The UHB confirms that the total number of beds, including Mental Health (MH) and community beds, across the UHB, was 1,052 as at 27 October 2020. Of those beds, 21 were closed due to infection, prevention and control measures.

Please note, the data for MH beds is based on availability and occupancy as at 23 October 2020, as this data is recorded on a weekly basis.

4. The UHB confirms that 927 of those beds were occupied, as at 27 October 2020. Please note, the demand and capacity of beds is reviewed daily.