

Reference:	FOI.15680.24
Subject:	Data for Accident and Emergency (A&E) Departments
Date of Request:	15 October 2024

Requested:

I am writing to submit a Freedom of Information request regarding accidental injury data from A&E departments on Christmas Day 2023 in Wales. Specifically, I would like to request:

1. Total A+E Admissions on 25/12/23 for your region
2. Total Accidental Injury Cases Reported in A&E on 25/12/23 for your region
3. The Reported Mechanism of Injury for reported Accidental Injuries on 25/12/23 for your region.

Clarified

1. Would it be possible to have both categories of data? Presented in separate columns?
2. Accidental injury caused prior to arrival.
3. Mechanism of injury is **the manner in which a physical injury has occurred**. Essentially I would like to see what may be recorded as the cause of the injury. I understand this may not be a mandatory field of entry upon admission. For example – an accidental injury that occurred due to a slip etc.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

As the information requested for question 2 is not recorded centrally, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of each attendance at the UHB’s A&E Departments on 25 December 2023, to identify if any information is determined and recorded as an ‘accidental injury’.

The UHB can confirm that two hundred and twenty-seven (227) attendances at a UHB A&E Department were recorded for the date requested. Therefore, to provide you with the exact information being requested, conducting the search would far exceed the ‘appropriate limit’, costing the UHB the following:

227 @ 15 minutes per item = 56.75 hours
56.75 hours @ £25 per hour = £1,418.75

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds for questions 1 and 3 below.

1. The UHB confirms that there were two hundred and twenty-seven (227) attendances at a UHB A&E Department, as recorded on the UHB's Welsh Patient Administration system (WPAS), on 25 December 2023.
2. Section 12 exemption applied.
3. The UHB utilises the patient reason and/or diagnosis description fields in the UHB's WPAS to record the nature of an injury. Both fields, which have a preset list of values (Lov) to choose from, have been provided within the tables overleaf.

Patient reason description	
Specialist Opinion	Assault
Other Non-Trauma	Drug Abuse
Sports Injury	Firework Accident
Fall from height	Other Accident
Brought in Dead	RTA (Road Traffic Accident)
Emergency	Deliberate Self-Harm (Non-Trauma)
Reattender - Unscheduled	Deliberate Self Harm (Trauma)
GP Arranged Admission	Fall from standing height or less
Alcohol Abuse	Reattender - Scheduled

Diagnosis description		
Antepartum Haemorrhage	Hernia	Pinna Haematoma
Bee Sting	Homeless	Polymyalgia rheumatica
Chemical burn	IHD	Polyp
Christmas Disease	Incarcerated hernia	Popping hip syndrome
Crush injury	Insect bite	Possible DVT
Emergency Contraception	Pericardial Effusion	Rectal Bleed
Episcleritis	Pinna Laceration	Renal failure
Intracerebral haemorrhage	Sepsis	Shortness of breath
Irritable hip	Stroke	Slipped upper femoral epiphysis
Laryngitis	Unstable Angina	Social Situation
Liver failure	Viral Illness	Trigger thumb
Needlestick injury	Wound infection	Vertigo
Osteomyelitis	Wound review	Viral URTI
Penile problem	Achilles tendon rupture	Aneurysm - Abdominal Rupture
Surgical	Alcohol intoxication	Arc eye (photokeratitis)
Alcohol Abuse	Baker's cyst	Bacterial conjunctivitis
Arrhythmia	Carpal tunnel syndrome	Bladder Wash Out
Blunt injury to eye	Change of dressing/pack	Bleeding
Bursitis	Chemical Exposure	Brought in Dead
CVA	Conjunctivitis	Bruise

Dog Bite	Erythema Multiforme	Chicken pox
Gynae Infection	Facial weakness (Bell's palsy)	Cholecystitis
Human Bite	Febrile Illness	Closed fracture
Hypertension	Meibomian cyst	Dizziness
Hyperventilation	Myocarditis	Empyema
Low back pain	Osteoarthritis	Gastro-oesophageal reflux
Meniscal tear	Otitis Media	GI Bleed
NAD	Pelvic Injury	GP Equipment Request
Pancreatitis	Pericarditis	Hypothermia
Paronychia	Post-Op Problem	Infected sebaceous cyst
Skin Tear	Puncture wound	Infectious disease
Thermal burn	Rheumatology	Limb Injury
TIA	Ruptured Spleen	Lump
Weeverfish Sting	Smoke inhalation	Open #
Basal cell papilloma	Stable Angina	Other tendon rupture
Cardiac Tamponade	Adder Bite	Peptic Ulceration
Chilblain	Allergic conjunctivitis	Perforated eardrum
Closed #	Amputation	Priapism
Corneal ulcer	Angioedema	Respiratory arrest
Extradural haematoma	Bilateral leg swelling	Scleritis
Fracture - closed	BRUE-Brief Resolved Unexplained Event	Shingles
Gynae Abdominal Pain	Carbon monoxide poisoning	Spinal Injury
Hypoglycaemia-Non Diabetic	Cauda Equina Syndrome	Sub Arachnoid Haem.
Keratitis	Cerebral Oedema	Subluxation
Meningitis	Compartment syndrome	Sunburn
Neurological Emergency	COVID-19 Symptoms	Tenosynovitis
Obstructed hernia	Epicondylitis	Vascular injury
Paraphimosis	Epiglottitis	Alcohol Dependency
Pharyngitis	Fracture + dislocation	Animal bite
Pleural Effusion	GI Obstruction	Appendicitis
Scald	Haematoma	BCC
Scleral condition	Haemorrhoids	Bronchiectasis
Sprain	Hyperkalaemia	Chemical in eye
Visual disturbance	Laceration	Constipation
Anaemia	Limb Ischaemia	Diabetic - Hyperglycaemia
Corneal FB	Miscarriage	Epistaxis
COVID-Previous +ve Test	Nerve Injury	Hyperthyroidism
Fit (other cause)	Osteochondritis	Infect/Inflam system
GI Perforation	Panic Attack	Inflammation
Labyrinthitis	Plantar fasciitis	Jaundice
Loss of vision	Renal Colic	Leukaemia
Mallet finger	Rotator cuff injury	Malaria
Medical	Subdural haematoma	Neoplasm

Mumps	Tendonitis	Parotitis
Myeloma	Testicle problem	Polyarteritis nodosa
Myocardial Infarct	TGA-Transient Global Amnesia	Post Partum Infection
Neutropenia	Acute coronary syndrome	Pyrexia ? Cause
Plaster/cast problem	Anxiety State	Rheumatoid Arthritis
Possible scaphoid #	Confusion	Scarlet Fever
Pterygium	Dementia	Stye
Pulled elbow	Ectopic Pregnancy	UTI
Rectal prolapse	Electrical burn	Whiplash
STEMI	Epilepsy	Acute glaucoma
Strain/Sprain	Fall	Acute Kidney Injury
Tricyclic OD	Fractured tooth	Croup
Wasp Sting	Hearing Loss	Diabetic keto-acidosis
Abdominal Injury	Hypercalcaemia	Febrile fit
Allergic rash	Local Infection	Foreign Body - Nose
Balanitis	LRTI	Foreign Body in Wound
Biliary disease	Non-Diab. Endocrine	Gastrostomy (PEG) tube problem
Cardiac Arrest	Open Wound	Haematuria
Cyst	Other allergy	Hepato-biliary system
Delirium	Parotid duct calculus	Hypokalaemia
Diagnosed Schizophrenia	Sciatica	Hyponatraemia
Dyspepsia	Tonsillitis	Iritis
Eczema	Torticollis	Lipoma
Epididymo-orchitis	Warfarin/Anticoagulant problem	Mastoiditis
Friction burn	Abdominal pain	Musculoskeletal
Haemophilia	Accidental poisoning	Nail injury
Haemoptysis	Acute psychosis	Neoplasm Diagnosed
Hepatitis	Bronchiolitis	Neoplasm Suspected
Hypocalcaemia	Cellulitis	Neuropraxia
Pleurisy	Compound fracture	NG/Feeding Tube problem
Postural hypotension	Concussion	NSTEMI
Prostatism	Drug reaction	Overdose (other)
Pulmonary Embolism	Dysphagia	Quinsy
Septic Arthritis	Eustatian Tube blockage	Removal of sutures
Soft Tissue Injury	Haemangioma	Request removal of ring
Syncope	Headache	Sebaceous cyst
Temporal Arteritis	Hyperemesis	Skin lesion
Testicular torsion	Ischaemic foot	Thoracic Injury
Thrush	Periprosthetic #	Urinary Retention
Vomiting	Polytrauma	NULL
Wrist drop	Possible Fracture	Alcohol Withdrawal Symptoms

Acute confusion	Pyelonephritis	Bite
Aneurysm - Thoracic Dissection	Rash	Blepharitis
Anterior knee pain	Sinusitis	Cervical nerve root irritation
Asthma	Spinal Cord Compression	Choking Episode
Cat Bite	Splint/Brace/Boot Problem	Collapse
Chest pain	Stone	Contact lens problem
Detached retina	Sub-conjunctival haemorrhage	Contusion
Diabetic-Hypoglycaemia	Tick Bite	Dislocation
Head injury	Varicose vein	DVT
Hypothyroidism	Vaso-vagal attack	F.B.
Inflammatory bowel disease	Abrasion	Gastritis
Ovarian Torsion	Abscess	Gastro-enteritis
Pain	Aspirin OD	Gout
Paracetamol OD	Avulsed tooth	Haemarthrosis
Pneumonia	Avulsion #	Hay fever
Pneumothorax	Bronchitis	Hypernatraemia
Toothache	Corneal abrasion	Hyphaema
Ulcer	COVID-Confirmed	IGTN
Visceral Injury	COVID-Suspected	Injury
Wax in ear	Deliberate self harm	Minor head injury/scalp bruise
Alcohol related attendance	Dental bleeding	Muscle tear
Allergic reaction	Diffuse axonal injury	Otitis Externa
Catheter Problem	Drug Abuse	PV bleed
Cerebral contusion	Exacerbation COPD	Pyogenic granuloma
Clinical Depression	Foreign Body in ear	Spider Bite
Dehydration	Fracture - open	Tendon Injury
Dental abscess	Incised wound	Tracheitis
Dental caries	Mental Health	Trigeminal Neuralgia
Drug allergy	Migraine	Urticaria
Headache nonspecific	Palpitation	Viral conjunctivitis
Heart Failure	Personality Disorder	Viral rash