

Reference:	FOI.2560.20
Subject:	Dentist suspensions
Date of Request:	19 February 2020

Requested:

1. How many dentists were suspended from the NHS performer list in Wales (Hywel Dda) in each of the past five years?
2. How many dentists had conditions placed on their record on the NHS performers list in each of the past five years?

Response:

1. There have been no suspensions within Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) during this period.
2. The table below provides the number of dentist who have had conditions placed on their record on the NHS performers list during the requested timeframe.

Calendar Year	Number of dentists
2015	12
2016	16
2017	*
2018	6
2019	*

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 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 (DPA) 2018 / General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2016, 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.