

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.16868.25
<b>Subject:</b>	Drug-related deaths and substance abuse services
<b>Date of Request:</b>	17 March 2025

**Requested:**

I am requesting aggregate (non-identifiable) data covering the period 2018 to 2024 for the Hywel Dda area (Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire, and Ceredigion):

1. The total number of drug-related deaths recorded in each county for each year from 2018 to 2024.
2. A breakdown of these deaths by age and sex.
3. How many of these individuals were known to substance abuse services at the time of their death.
4. How many of the deceased were parents at the time of death.
5. The average waiting time to access substance abuse services in each county during this period.

**Response:**

1. & 2. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has previously provided the requested information in response to FOI.16436, which was issued to you on 24 February 2025.
3. & 4. The UHB does not hold the requested information.
5. The UHB provides, within the table below, the average wait time from referral to treatment per county for Tiers 2 and 3 drug and alcohol services, in days, during the 2018/19 through to 2023/24 financial years and the period 1 April 2024 to 31 December 2024.

<b>Carmarthenshire</b>			
<b>Financial year</b>	<b>All referrals</b>	<b>Alcohol referrals</b>	<b>Drugs referrals</b>
2018/19	12	14	11
2019/20	14	15	12
2020/21	12	12	12
2021/22	14	13	14
2022/23	15	16	14
2023/24	16	17	14
1/4/2024 to 31/12/24	17	18	17

<b>Ceredigion</b>			
<b>Financial year</b>	<b>All referrals</b>	<b>Alcohol referrals</b>	<b>Drugs referrals</b>
2018/19	8	9	7
2019/20	10	10	9
2020/21	10	11	10
2021/22	12	12	12
2022/23	12	12	11

2023/24	11	11	11
1/4/2024 to 31/12/24	13	14	12

<b>Pembrokeshire</b>			
<b>Financial year</b>	<b>All referrals</b>	<b>Alcohol referrals</b>	<b>Drugs referrals</b>
2018/19	8	9	7
2019/20	10	11	10
2020/21	11	12	10
2021/22	15	14	16
2022/23	15	17	12
2023/24	16	15	10
1/4/2024 to 31/12/24	15	17	12