

Reference:	FOI.14491.24
Subject:	Ectopic pregnancy
Date of Request:	22 May 2024

Requested:

Please note that we only require the information for the period 01 January 2023 to 01 January 2024.

1. What is the annual number of patients you see in your unit with an early pregnancy unit?
2. How many patients were diagnosed as an ectopic pregnancy?
3. How many patients were treated as a pregnancy of unknown location?
4. Of the PUL group, how many patients went on to be confirmed as an ectopic pregnancy?
5. Number of reported patient safety incidents related to ectopic pregnancy?
6. For each incident, please specify degree of harm:
 - No harm
 - Near miss
 - Low
 - Moderate
 - Severe
7. For each moderate/severe incident, please specify details (e.g. late diagnosis, haemorrhage, etc).
8. How many moderate/severe incidents went on to be declared as a serious incident?
9. What was the learning for the serious incidents if any?

Clarified

We require the information for Bronglais General Hospital only.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that one hundred and fifty-nine (159) patients were seen in its Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit (EPAU) in Bronglais General Hospital (BGH), during the requested time period.
2. The UHB confirms that no patients received a confirmed diagnosis of having an ectopic pregnancy, during the requested time period.
3. The UHB confirms that twelve (12) patients were treated as a Pregnancy of Unknown Location (PUL), during the requested time period.
4. The UHB confirms that no PUL patients were later confirmed as an ectopic pregnancy.

5. & 6. The UHB is unable to provide you with the number of reported patient safety incidents relating to ectopic pregnancy and the level of harm, due to the low number of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. Therefore, the UHB is withholding these details under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that 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.

7. & 8. The UHB confirms that no patient safety incidents relating to ectopic pregnancy were recorded as a moderate/severe incident, during the requested time period.

9. Not applicable.