

Reference:	FOI.19799.26
Subject:	Emergency surgery at Withybush General Hospital (WGH)
Date of Request:	27 February 2026

Requested:

Please treat this as a Freedom of Information request. I am seeking the following information from Hywel Dda University Health Board:

1. The number of people who have been treated in emergency surgery at Withybush General Hospital per week, per month, and per year since 2018.
2. A breakdown of the different types of treatments or procedures provided by the emergency surgery department at Withybush General Hospital since 2018.

Clarification

To help us process your request for information we asked for the following clarification:

- Can you please clarify if you are requiring information for all emergency surgery or is there a specific specialism you require please?

The following clarification was received:

- I require information for all emergency surgery.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within Attachment 1 the number of emergency admissions recorded under a surgical speciality at Withybush General Hospital (WGH), where a procedure was recorded as undertaken on the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) upon discharge. The information is provided in two separate tables by year and month and then by week for the 2018 to 2026 calendar years.

Where the figures in the table within Attachment 1 have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low number of cases (less than 5), 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 FoIA. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR), 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 defines 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.

2. The UHB provides within Attachment 1 a list of procedures that took place as a result of an emergency admission under a surgical speciality at WGH between 2018 and 2026.