

Reference:	FOI.3406.20
Subject:	Falls
Date of Request:	19 June 2020

Requested:

1. would like to request any data you hold on falls from the last 5 years?
2. I am looking for the total number of falls sorted by hospital from the last 5 years?
3. I am looking for the total number of falls sorted by ward from the last 2 years?
4. I would also like to request all email addresses for ward managers and falls leads/groups within the trust?
5. On average how much does falls cost the trust per year?
6. Can you also provide the number of patients that absconded from the wards and which wards were affected for the last 2 years?
7. How much does each patient on average that absconds from a ward cost the trust?

Clarified:

Any data on how many in-patient falls that have occurred in the hospitals.

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 level” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate level” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or (2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the requested information, the UHB would need to manually scrutinise all incidents reports for the financial years 2015/16 to 2017/18, to identify any information that fulfils your request as this information was not recorded centrally at this time.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), 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.

Under section 16 of the FOI, we are required, as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under the FOI and therefore can provide you with some of the information requested.

1. The UHB confirms, the total number of falls across the UHB including mental health, community, physiotherapy sessions and hospitals etc. is 13,641, for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020.

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of inpatient hospital falls, for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2020.

Hospital	Number
Glangwili General Hospital (GGH)	4,033
Prince Philip Hospital (PPH)	2,908
Withybush General Hospital (WGH)	2,534
Bronglais General Hospital (BGH)	1,828
South Pembrokeshire Hospital (SPH)	669
Amman Valley Hospital (AVH)	352
Llandovery Hospital (LH)	159
Tregaron Hospital (TH)	138
Tenby Cottage Hospital (TCH)	129

3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of inpatient falls by ward and hospital, for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020.

Ward	Hospital	Number
Bryngolau Ward	Prince Philip Hospital	284
Sunderland Ward	South Pembrokeshire Hospital	223
Clinical Decisions Unit	Glangwili General Hospital	188
Cadog Ward	Glangwili General Hospital	150
Ward 12	Withybush General Hospital	150
Ceri Ward	Glangwili General Hospital	139
Cysgod Y Cwm	Llandovery Hospital	139
Ward 1	Prince Philip Hospital	138
Ystwyth Ward	Bronglais General Hospital	136
Towy Ward	Glangwili General Hospital	131
Dyfi Ward	Bronglais General Hospital	130
Ward 7	Withybush General Hospital	128
Padarn Ward	Glangwili General Hospital	126
Ward 9	Prince Philip Hospital	126
Ward 4	Withybush General Hospital	123
Ceredig Ward	Bronglais General Hospital	117
Ward 5	Prince Philip Hospital	116
Ward 10	Withybush General Hospital	107
Teifi Ward	Glangwili General Hospital	106
Ward 1	Withybush General Hospital	101
Adult Clinical Decisions Unit	Withybush General Hospital	100
Steffan Ward	Glangwili General Hospital	100
Ward 11	Withybush General Hospital	94
Derwen Ward	Glangwili General Hospital	87
Ward 3	Prince Philip Hospital	81
Ward 4	Prince Philip Hospital	81
Ward 8	Withybush General Hospital	81

Gwenllian Acute Stroke Unit	Glangwili General Hospital	78
Mynydd Mawr Ward	Prince Philip Hospital	76
Enlli Ward	Bronglais General Hospital	74
Ward 3	Withybush General Hospital	74
Y Banwy Ward	Bronglais General Hospital	69
Llandovery Ward	Llandovery Hospital	59
Meurig Ward	Bronglais General Hospital	59
Preseli Ward	Glangwili General Hospital	57
Dewi Ward	Glangwili General Hospital	56
Rhiannon Ward	Bronglais General Hospital	54
Ward 7	Prince Philip Hospital	52
Merlin Ward	Bronglais General Hospital	51
Tenby Cottage Ward	Tenby Cottage Hospital	44
Tregaron Ward	Tregaron Hospital	41
Coronary Care Unit	Glangwili General Hospital	33
Cleddau Ward / SAU	Glangwili General Hospital	30
Adult Clinical Decisions Unit	Bronglais General Hospital	29
Ward 6	Prince Philip Hospital	28
Morlais Ward	Glangwili General Hospital	26
Bryngofal Ward	Prince Philip Hospital	16
Cleddau Rehab Unit	South Pembrokeshire Hospital	16
Coronary Care Unit	Withybush General Hospital	14
Picton Ward	Glangwili General Hospital	11
Cilgerran Ward	Glangwili General Hospital	9
Clinical Decisions Unit	Bronglais General Hospital	9
Intensive Care Unit	Glangwili General Hospital	9
Day Surgery Ward	Withybush General Hospital	6
Rehabilitation Day Hospital	South Pembrokeshire Hospital	*
Day Surgery Ward	Bronglais General Hospital	*
Dinefwr Ward	Glangwili General Hospital	*
Chemotherapy Unit	Bronglais General Hospital	*
Chemotherapy Unit	Glangwili General Hospital	*
Priory Medical Day Unit	Glangwili General Hospital	*
Intensive Care Unit	Withybush General Hospital	*
Theatre	Withybush General Hospital	*

4. The UHB confirms, Mandy Davies, Assistant Director of Nursing & Quality Improvement, Quality and Clinical Governance is the Chair of the HDUHB Local Falls Taskforce Meeting, contactable by email, Mandy.Davies3@wales.nhs.uk
5. The UHB does not hold an average cost of falls for each year, as there could many variables included in these costs which are not able to be calculated; such as staffing time for assisting a patient who has fallen and medication administered a result of the fall etc.

The UHB can however confirm that the average cost to the UHB, for legal claims as a result of a fall during the requested time period is £45,622.63.

6. The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the number of incidents where patients absconded successfully from mental health wards for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020.

Ward	Hospital/Location	Number
St Caradog Ward	Withybush General Hospital	34
Bryngofal Ward	Prince Philip Hospital	24
Morlais Ward	Glangwili General Hospital	20
Cwm Seren - Low Secure Unit	Hafan Derwen	10
Bryngolau Ward	Prince Philip Hospital	6
St Non's Ward	Withybush General Hospital	*
Cwm Seren – Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit	Hafan Derwen	*
Enlli Ward	Bronglais General Hospital	*

7. The UHB does not hold this information.

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