

Reference:	FOI.21379.26
Subject:	Flexible bronchoscopy procedures
Date of Request:	19 August 2026

Requested:

1. Flexible Bronchoscopy Procedures
Please provide the total number of flexible bronchoscopy procedures performed across NHS Hywel Dda during the most recent full financial year.
I request that this data be broken down by:
 - a. Hospital site
 - b. Department / clinical area (e.g., ICU, Respiratory, Theatres, ED, etc.)
2. Disposable Bronchoscope Expenditure
Please provide the total spend on disposable flexible bronchoscopes for the last 12 months (or most recent 12-month period available).
Again, please break this down by:
 - a. Hospital site
 - b. Department / clinical area

Format

Please supply all requested data in Excel format (.xlsx).

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients for question 1b, due to the low number (less than 5) 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 (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 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.

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance and provides the information it holds within the attached spreadsheet as requested, at Attachment 1.