

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.5186.21
<b>Subject:</b>	Flu deaths
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**Requested:**

Please send me information on the total number of flu deaths from 2019 to 2021. The specific request follows:

Under 60 years of age

- How many people have died as a direct result of flu with no underlying issues?
- How many people have died as a direct result of flu with underlying issues?

Over 60 years of age

- How many people have died as a direct result of flu with no underlying issues?
- How many people have died as a direct result of flu with underlying issues?

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the tables below, the number of patients under and over sixty (60) years of age, that have died from influenza, with and without underlying health conditions, as recorded on the UHB's Welsh Patient Administration (WPAS) system, during the calendar years 2019 and 2020.

<b>Under age 60</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
No underlying issues	0	0
With underlying issues	*	0

<b>Over age 60</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
No underlying issues	6	0
With underlying issues	9	*

Where the figures in the tables 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.