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Subject:	Group B Strep
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Requested

The charity Group B Strep Support is doing some research into group B Strep prevention policies, information provision, and types of GBS testing done across the UK.

Please would you fill in the spreadsheet found at <https://gbss.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Group-B-Strep-Support-FOI-questions.xlsx>

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (the UHB) has completed the requested spreadsheet, Attachment 1. We are unable to provide you with all the information requested in question 7, due to the low numbers and the potential risk of identifying individuals.

Where the figures in question 7 have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number due to the low numbers 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 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.