

Reference:	FOI.18686.25
Subject:	Hospital admissions for scabies and eczema
Date of Request:	24 October 2025

Requested:

1. The number of hospital admissions in the last five years, where the primary or secondary diagnosis was:
 - a. Scabies, and
 - b. Eczema (including atopic dermatitis and related eczema codes).

Please provide the data:

- Broken down by month, and
- By condition (i.e., whether the admission was for scabies or eczema).

Please provide the data in a machine-readable format (e.g., CSV or Excel file).

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the information within the spreadsheet attached as requested, at Attachment 1.

However, where the figures in the table in response to question 1a 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 has also replaced totals which could be used to calculate the redacted figure with a double asterisk (**). 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 (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.