

Reference:	FOI.608.19
Subject:	Hospital admissions for self-harm and substance misuse
Date of Request:	23 April 2019

Requested

1. Please provide data on hospital admittances for incidents of self-harm in your NHS Board (Hywel Dda University), for those under the age of 25 for the following years: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Where possible, please provide a breakdown (at the same time) by:

- Two age groups – ‘18 and under’ and ‘19-25’;
- Gender;

2. Please also provide data on hospital admissions for incidents of substance/drug misuse, for those under the age of 25 for the following years: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.

Where possible, please provide a breakdown (at the same time) by:

- Two age groups – ‘18 and under’ and ‘19-25’;
- Gender;

Response:

1. The table below provides the number of patients admitted to hospital within Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) with primary concern recorded as self-harm during the requested timeframe.

Groups	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
18 & under	9	**	21	8	7	**
Female	9	*	17	8	*	*
Male	0	0	*	0	*	0
19-25	9	7	7	8	7	**
Female	*	*	*	*	*	*
Male	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	18	11	28	16	14	**

2. The table below provides the number of patients admitted to hospital within Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) with primary concern recorded as drug or substance misuse during the requested timeframe.

Groups	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
18 & under	36	33	56	38	34	7
Female	24	20	36	22	24	*
Male	12	13	20	16	10	*
19-25	28	31	38	41	52	**
Female	9	11	15	15	18	*
Male	19	20	23	26	34	6
Total	64	64	94	79	86	**

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 potential risk of identifying individuals if this information was disclosed, additionally some totals may have been replaced with a double asterisk (**) to prevent calculation of the redacted figures. The UHB is withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 / General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2016, 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.