

Reference:	FOI.3600.20
Subject:	Hospital admissions
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Requested:

- How many hospital admissions were recorded where drug use was a contributing factor between March 23rd – June 23rd 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?
- How many hospital admissions were recorded where self-harm was a contributing factor between March 23rd – June 23rd 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?
- How many hospital admissions were recorded where an intentional or accidental overdose was a contributing factor between March 23rd – June 23rd 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of admissions to its Accident and Emergency departments where drug use, overdose or self-harm was recorded as the reason for admission for the periods requested.

23 March to 23 June						
Diagnosis	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Drug use	132	121	153	109	104	746
Overdose	*	6	7	6	9	34
Self-harm	6	11	9	7	5	42

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 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.