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Requested:

I am making a Freedom of Information Request for ICD10 first diagnosis discharge codes and cases per hospital in your health authority, and I hope you can help me with obtaining the following data. Any information must be totally anonymised; however, I am requesting the name or the postcode of each hospital as it pertains to the data set.

The first set comprises diagnostic data. There are three columns:
OPCS4: Primary diagnosis ICD-10 4 digit: Number of cases

The other data set deals with procedures/surgery. It has a similar structure:
OPCS4: Primary procedure OPCS-4 digit: Number of cases

The ICD 10 data comprises the range A000 to Q999.

It would be good to obtain the data for the last five years, i.e. 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the requested data for the last five (5) financial years, 2019/20 to 2023/24, within Attachment 1.

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 (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, 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.