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<b>Subject:</b>	Hospital discharges
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**Requested:**

For each of the following questions, please provide data for each of these financial years:

- 2025/2026 (so far)
  - 2024/2025
  - 2023/2024
1. Please provide the total number of incidents, where individuals were discharged from hospital to “no fixed abode”.
  2. Of these, how many of the discharges occurred;
    - a. at the weekend?
    - b. During Monday-Friday but outside of the hours 09:00-17:00?
  3. Of those incidents recorded in Q1, how many were readmitted within 6 months of being discharged (and were still of no fixed abode)?

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients for question 2 due to the low number (less than 5) and have therefore, replaced the figures in the table with an asterisk (\*), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB has also replaced the total 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 Freedom of Information Act. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK 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.

1. The UHB provides with the table below, the number of patients discharged that are recorded on the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) as having ‘no fixed abode’, during the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years and the period 1 April to 31 July 2025.

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Number</b>
2023/24	36
2024/25	29
1 April to 31 July 2025	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>

- 2a. The UHB provides with the table below, the number of patients identified in question 1 that were discharged at the weekend, during the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years and the period 1 April to 31 July 2025.

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Number</b>
2023/24	*
2024/25	*
1 April to 31 July 2025	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

2b. The UHB provides with the table below, the number of patients identified in question 1 that were discharged between Monday and Friday outside of the hours 09:00-17:00, during the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years and the period 1 April to 31 July 2025.

<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Number</b>
2023/24	17
2024/25	7
1 April to 31 July 2025	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>**</b>

3. The UHB confirms that of those identified in question 1, thirteen (13) individuals were readmitted within 6 months of being discharged and were still of 'no fixed abode'.