

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.19213.26
<b>Subject:</b>	Inpatient falls
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**Requested:**

Data on inpatient falls over the past 3 years:

1. How many inpatient falls have occurred in people between 50-64, 65-79 & 80 years.  
Plus, if it can be narrowed down to:
  - a. how many resulted in fractures etc (near misses, deaths) how many were preventable.

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table below, the number of inpatient falls, by the age ranges requested, as recorded on the UHB's Datix Incident Reporting system, during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025. However, of the records identified, five hundred and forty-six (546) records did not have an age recorded.

Age range	Number
Not recorded	546
50 - 64	653
65 - 79	2,485
80+	3,907
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,591</b>

- a. The UHB does not hold all the information requested as 'preventable falls' are not recorded. However, the UHB provides within the tables below, the number of inpatient falls by the incident category recorded on its Datix Incident Reporting system and where it has been recorded the nature of the injury as a result of the fall, during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2025.

Incident category	Number
Death	8
Harm	1,114
Near Miss – Incident prevented	69
No Injury/Harm	6,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,591</b>

Injury	Number
Aches	247
Blood loss	33
Bruise	216
Bruise or swelling	136
Burn or scald	*
Concussion	8
Cut	349
Dislocation	6
Fracture	79
Haematoma	62
Internal Injuries e.g. Haemorrhage	5

Injury	Number
Laceration	248
Lesion	14
Pressure Ulcer (PU) - Category 1	*
PU - Category 2	*
PU - Deep Tissue Injury (DTI)	*
Skin tear	277
Sprain/Strain	8
Surgical injuries	*
Swelling	75
Trauma wound	21
Unexplained injury	26

Where the figures in the tables 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 is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA). 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.