

Reference:	FOI.13578.24
Subject:	Insomnia cases in Accident and Emergency (A&E) departments
Date of Request:	15 January 2024

Requested:

1. Can you provide the number of attendances to A&E departments under the Hywel Dda University Health Board each year from 2018 to 2023 where Insomnia was the chief complaint – separated by year.
2. Can you also provide me with the number of attendances to A&E departments under the Hywel Dda University Health Board where insomnia was cited as a complaint at all in the same years, if that information is available.
3. Can you also provide the number of total attendances to A&E departments under the Hywel Dda University Health Board each year from 2018 to 2023 – separated by year.

Finally, please could this information be provided in a table format?

Response:

1. & 2. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested, due to the low number of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. Therefore, the UHB is withholding these details 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, 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.

3. As some of this information is already within the public domain, the UHB has applied a Section 21 exemption of the FoIA. The UHB has answered a similar Freedom of Information request, FOI.6999.21 - Health Board information, which includes the information for the 2018 to 2020 calendar years which is already within the public domain and is available on our disclosure log.

For ease of reference, please click on the attached link, which will take you directly to the UHB's disclosure log webpage:

[Disclosure Log - Hywel Dda University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/foi/disclosure-log)

However, the UHB provides, within the table below, the total number of A&E attendances, for the 2020 to 2023 financial years.

Calendar year	Number
2020	123,313

2021	148,840
2022	166,714
2023	173,658

Please note:- the 2020 attendances differ in the table above from those in response FOI.6999.21, as the data previously provided was subject to a three (3) month coding backlog.