

Reference:	FOI.17582.25
Subject:	Intensive Therapy Unit (ITU) admissions and transfers
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Requested:

Please can this information cover the last two years:

1. The number of admissions into the ITU at PPH.
 - a. If possible, how many of these were cared for by intensivists and how many were managed by their consultant.
2. The number of patients transferred from PPH to an ITU in another hospital.
 - a. Please can the receiving ITU be noted on this e.g. how many times a patient was transferred to Morriston, Glangwili, The Heath etc.
3. The number of patients transferred from GGH ITU to another hospital.
 - a. Again, can the receiving ITU also be noted.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the number of patients by receiving hospital for questions 2a and 3a, due to the low number of cases (less than 5), 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.

1. The UHB confirms that there were three hundred and eighty-seven (387) admissions to ITU in Prince Philip Hospital (PPH), during the period 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2025.
 - a. The UHB does not hold this information as patients are recorded under the Consultant responsible for their care at the time of admission or transfer into ITU. Patients are cared for by ITU staff and are not allocated specific Consultants or Intensivists. ITU within PPH currently operates in accordance with an interim Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), this ensures that patients have local Anaesthetic staff support and oversight, with virtual support of an ITU Consultant from Glangwili General Hospital (GGH).
2. The UHB confirms that one hundred (100) patients were transferred from PPH to an ITU in another hospital, during the period 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2025.

a. A Section 40 exemption has been applied to the number of patients transferred to individual ITU's. However, the UHB provides the names of receiving hospitals that PPH ITU patients were transferred to below:

- GGH
- Morrision Hospital
- Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham
- University Hospital of Wales
- Southmead Hospital

3. The UHB confirms that one hundred and nineteen (119) patients were transferred from ITU in GGH to another hospital, during the period 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2025. Thirty-three (33) patients were transferred for more specialised care and eighty-six (86) were transferred due to repatriation, step down or ward-based care.

a. A Section 40 exemption has been applied to the number of patients transferred to individual ITU's. However, the UHB provides the names of the receiving hospitals that GGH ITU patients were transferred to below:

Transferred for more specialised care:

- Bristol Royal Infirmary
- Morrision Hospital
- University Hospital of Wales
- St Mary's Hospital, London
- Southmead Hospital
- St Thomas' Hospital, London

Transferred due to repatriation, step down or ward-based care:

- Bronglais General Hospital
- PPH
- Withybush General Hospital
- Morrision Hospital
- The Grange University Hospital
- Gloucestershire Royal Hospital
- Guy's Hospital, London
- Musgrove Park Hospital