

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.11265.23
<b>Subject:</b>	Knife crime incidents
<b>Date of Request:</b>	14 March 2023

**Requested:**

Please provide a breakdown from 2019 - present, in calendar years not fiscal)

1a. How many patients involved in knife crime incidents have been admitted to hospitals within your health-board?

1b. Of those patients admitted, how many died?

**Response:**

1a. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information broken down by calendar year, as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if these details were disclosed, due to the low number of patients involved (less than 5). 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/UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 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 Data Protection Act 2018/ UK General Data Protection Regulation define personal data as data which 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.

However, the UHB can confirm that there were nine (9) hospital admissions due to 'assault by a sharp object', as recorded on the UHB's Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS), from 1 January 2019 to the date of your request.

1b. The UHB confirms that none of the patients admitted to hospital for an assault by a sharp object died, during the period 1 January 2019 to the date of your request.