

Reference:	FOI.1995.19
Subject:	Maternal suicide
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Requested:

1. How many women died by maternal suicide in the calendar years?:

- i) 2012
- ii) 2013
- iii) 2014
- iv) 2015
- v) 2016
- vi) 2017
- vii) 2018

For the purposes of this request please classify maternal suicide as any suicide which occurs from the onset of pregnancy and up to one year after delivery, regardless of whether the suicide is deemed to be pregnancy-related e.g. postpartum depression.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms the number of maternal suicides occurring from the onset of pregnancy and up to one year after delivery for the requested timeframe within the table below:

Calendar year	Total
2012	0
2013	0
2014	0
2015	0
2016	0
2017	*
2018	0

Where the figures in the table have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (5 and under), 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. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018/ General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the 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/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 defines 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.