

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.11217.23
<b>Subject:</b>	Maternal vaccinations
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**Requested:**

1. Can you please provide the number of sites within your Organisation that provide the following services:
  - a. Tdap (Pertussis)/whooping cough vaccination to pregnant women: hospital-based sites
  - b. Tdap (Pertussis)/whooping cough vaccination to pregnant women: community-based sites
  - c. Influenza vaccination to pregnant women: hospital-based sites
  - d. Influenza vaccination to pregnant women: community-based sites
2. Of the total numbers of Healthcare Professionals that recommend/raise conversations regarding the Tdap (pertussis)/whooping cough vaccination to pregnant women across your Organisation, what is the estimated % of each of the following types of HCPs:
  - a. Practice/community nurse
  - b. Community Midwife
  - c. GP
  - d. Hospital Nurse/Midwife
  - e. Hospital doctor
3. Of the total numbers of Healthcare Professionals that deliver the Tdap (pertussis) /whooping cough vaccination to pregnant women across your Organisation, what is the estimated % of each of the following types of HCPs:
  - a. Practice/community nurse
  - b. Community Midwife
  - c. GP
  - d. Hospital Nurse/Midwife
  - e. Hospital doctor
4. Of the total numbers of Healthcare Professionals that recommend/raise conversations regarding the influenza vaccination to pregnant women across your Organisation, what is the estimated % of each of the following types of HCPs:
  - a. Practice/community nurse
  - b. Community Midwife
  - c. GP
  - d. Hospital Nurse/Midwife
  - e. Hospital doctor
5. Of the total numbers of Healthcare Professionals that deliver the influenza vaccination to pregnant women across your Organisation, what is the estimated % of each of the following types of HCPs:
  - a. Practice/community nurse
  - b. Community Midwife
  - c. GP
  - d. Hospital Nurse/Midwife
  - e. Hospital doctor
6. In the latest 3 month, how many vaccinations has your organisation delivered to pregnant women ONLY for:
  - a. Tdap (Pertussis)/whooping cough vaccinations - at hospital-based sites

- b. Tdap (Pertussis)/whooping cough vaccinations - at community-based sites
- c. Influenza vaccinations - at hospital-based sites
- d. Influenza vaccinations - at community-based sites

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the information being requested for questions 2a, 2c, 2d, 2e, 3c, 4a, 4c, 4d, 4e, 5c, 6b and 6d, the UHB would need to undertake a manual search of all maternity patient records, to identify any information that would fulfil your request, as it is not recorded centrally.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, we are required as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under the FoIA. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds below.

1a. The UHB does not provide hospital based whooping cough vaccinations to pregnant women.

1b. The UHB does not provide whooping cough vaccinations to pregnant women in the community. These vaccines are accessed through their GP surgeries.

A recent in-house survey undertaken in August 2022, demonstrated that service users’ preference for vaccines was to be administered locally at their GP surgery.

1c. The UHB does not administer the Influenza vaccine to pregnant women in a UHB hospital setting. However, all UHB staff, irrelevant of being pregnant, are offered the Influenza vaccine via the Occupational Therapy Teams in a variety of settings and areas across the UHB.

Further details on where pregnant women in Wales can access the Influenza vaccine is available on the Public Health Wales website, which can be accessed via the link provided below:

[Eligibility for the vaccine - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/862/directory/gps/)

1d. The UHB does not provide the Influenza vaccine to pregnant women in the community. This vaccine is accessed and administered through their GP surgeries or community pharmacies. A link to all the GP surgeries and pharmacies in the UHB’s geographical area has been provided below:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/862/directory/gps/>

[All pharmacies - Hywel Dda University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/862/directory/gps/)

Additionally, the UHB can confirm that during the latter part of 2022, Influenza vaccines were also administered at Mass Vaccination Centres across the UHB's geographical area, pending the availability and stock levels of the Influenza vaccine.

2a. Section 12 exemption applied.

2b. The UHB confirms that as part of a recent Public Health Wales Point of Delivery Survey, the percentage of women/birthing persons having conversations regarding the whooping cough vaccines with the UHB's community midwives is 95.1%.

2c. The UHB does not hold the information for all GP Surgeries, as with the exception of the Managed Practices, they are all managed independently. These GP Practices hold their own information and consequently, the UHB does not have access to all of the details you require. Therefore, this information would need to be requested directly from the individual GP Practices. The contact details have been provided in response to question 1d.

Additionally, a Section 12 exemption has been applied to the UHB's Managed Practices: Ashgrove Medical Centre, Meddygfa Minafon, Meddygfa'r Sarn, Solva Surgery Tenby Surgery, and Neyland and Johnston Surgery.

2d. & 2e. Section 12 exemption applied.

3a. & 3b. Not applicable. The UHB does not administer whooping cough vaccinations to pregnant women in the community.

3c. Please see response to question 2c.

3d. & 3e. Not applicable. The UHB's doctors, nurses and midwives do not administer whooping cough vaccinations to pregnant women.

4a. Section 12 exemption applied.

4b. The UHB confirms that as part of a recent Public Health Wales Point of Delivery Survey, the percentage of women/birthing persons having conversations regarding the Influenza vaccines with the UHB's community midwives is 97.6%.

4c. Please see response to question 2c.

4d. & 4e. Section 12 exemption applied.

5a. – 5c. Please see response to 1d and 2c.

5d. & 5e. Please see response to 1c.

6a. Please see response to 1a.

6b. Please see response to 1b and 2c.

6c. Please see response to 1c.

6d. Please see response to 1d and 2c.