

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.18286.25
<b>Subject:</b>	Miscarried babies
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**Requested:**

1. The number of miscarried babies that were reported as discarded, lost, or contaminated in the Hywel Dda UHB NHS trust for the past five years.
2. A breakdown of these incidents by year
3. A breakdown of any costs due to these incidents
4. A breakdown of hours spent by NHS workers either attempting to find or reporting or spending time on these incidents

**Clarified**

Please can I have the period in this instance to be 24 or below weeks, less than the legal definition of a stillbirth. This includes foetal matter as well as miscarriages.

**Our response**

1. & 2. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table below, the number of miscarried babies that were reported as discarded, lost, or contaminated, by gestation period, during the 2020 to 2024 calendar years.

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>miscarriages up to 19+6/40 gestation</b>	<b>miscarriages 20 – 23+6/40 gestation</b>
2020	0	0
2021	0	0
2022	2	0
2023	0	0
2024	0	0

3. The UHB can confirm that no legal costs were incurred for these two (2) incidents. Additionally, the UHB does not hold staff costs relating to the management of these incidents, as it would be incorporated within staff salaries as part of their role.
4. The UHB does not hold the information requested as the staff hours would be incorporated into employees contracted hours and would not be quantifiable or held in a recorded format.