

Reference:	FOI.5457.21
Subject:	Needle stick injuries and subcutaneous infusions
Date of Request:	26 February 2021

Requested:

We would like to request information regarding needle stick injuries and subcutaneous infusions.

The questions are laid out in the attached word document. We would prefer to receive the information requested electronically by completing the attached document.

Response:

1. The information requested is already accessible within the public domain; therefore, Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), as the information is accessible by another means. The information requested is available on the Welsh Government website.

For ease of reference please click on the attached link which will take you directly to the statistics for Wales webpage:

<https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/NHS-Hospital-Activity/NHS-Beds/nhsbeds-by-organisation-site>

2. The UHB provides the information requested for question 2, within the attached document as requested, Attachment 1.
3. The UHB is unable to provide you with the exact numbers for question 3, 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.