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Subject:	Nurse staffing levels
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Requested:

1. With regard to the Nurse Staffing Levels (Wales) Act 2016, in the last 12 months how many times did Section 25B wards in hospitals within your health board area drop below calculated nurse staffing levels?
2. How many DATIX reports were recorded in the last 12 months that expressed concern regarding nurse staffing levels?

Response:

1. As this information is already within the public domain, 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 UHB reports the requested information to its Public Board twice a year, the most recent report was shared at the meeting of 26 May 2022, and is accessible via the link below:

<https://hduhb.nhs.wales/about-us/your-health-board/board-meetings-2022/board-agenda-and-papers-26-may-2022/agenda-and-papers-26-may-2022/item-32-nurse-staffing-levels-wales-act-annual-report-2021-22pdf/>

2. Between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, two hundred and eighty five (285) incidents were reported on the UHB's incident reporting system, DATIX, where "staffing – Lack of suitably trained staff and Lack of appropriate supervision of staff" was given as the incident type. Of these incidents, thirty seven (37) of the incidents were closed as moderate, with closed one (1) closed as severe, and none categorised catastrophic.