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Requested:

I was wondering whether it would be possible to access the following information specifically for Bronglais Hospital where possible:

1. Number of beds for paediatrics and children services (and percentage occupancy if possible)
2. Number of Paediatric admissions and emergency admissions
3. Number of children and young people who visited A&E
4. Number of Paediatric outpatients, inpatients, day cases if these services are provided

All of the above for the 2023-24 period

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table below, the average number and percentage of paediatric beds within Bronglais General Hospital (BGH) that were occupied by children and young people under eighteen years of age, during the 2023/24 financial year.

Number of beds	Occupancy
10.6	2.2%

2. The UHB confirms that the number of paediatric and emergency admissions for patients under eighteen years of age into BGH during the 2023/24 financial year was one thousand, five hundred and thirty-three (1,533).
3. The UHB confirms that three thousand, six hundred and seventeen (3,617) children and young people under eighteen years of age attended BGH Accident and Emergency (A&E) Department and Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) during the 2023/24 financial year.
4. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of paediatric outpatients, inpatients and day cases of patients under eighteen years of age, received into BGH during the 2023/24 financial year.

Treatment	Number
Outpatients	2,613
Inpatients	1,203
Day Case	*

Please note – patients who had more than one admission have only been counted once.

Where the figure in the table above has been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low number of cases (less than 5), 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 (FoIA). This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that 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.