

Reference:	FOI.20351.26
Subject:	Patient admissions following birth
Date of Request:	4 May 2026

Requested:

1. The number of patients readmitted into hospital following giving birth between 1 Jan 2020 and 4 May 2026
 - Please provide this information broken down by month.
2. The number of patients admitted into hospital with symptoms of a retained placenta following giving birth between 1 Jan 2020 and 4 May 2026
 - Please provide this information broken down by month.
3. The number of inpatient births within the health board between 1 Jan 2020 and 4 May 2026
 - Please provide this information broken down by month.

Clarified:

To help us process your request for information we requested the following clarification:

For question 1, please clarify if you require information on those patient's readmitted for reasons directly related to giving birth please? Additionally, can you also advise what the duration is that you require for re-admission please? i.e. – patient readmitted 28 days after initial discharge?

For question 2, please clarify if you require information for those patients who had a confirmed diagnosis of a retained placenta following giving birth?

For question 3, please confirm if you are seeking information for just live births, or all births, including stillbirths please?

Furthermore, please confirm if you only require information for those who have given birth in a hospital setting please, rather than a home setting?

The following clarification was received:

1. Patients readmitted for reasons related to giving birth within 30 days of birth.
2. Confirmed diagnosis, please.
3. All births.

And I only require information for those who have given birth in a hospital setting.

Response:

Please note that information is currently only available up to the 5 April 2026, due to the recent upgrade of the Maternity patient administration system to 'BadgerNet'.

Where the figures in the tables have 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 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 defines 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.

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table below, the number of patients readmitted to hospital for reasons relating to giving birth, within 30 days of birth, between 1 January 2020 and 5 April 2026, broken down by month.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2020	6	*	8	7	11	7	17	13	7	11	11	18
2021	5	21	8	13	13	15	8	13	22	15	11	12
2022	12	16	22	15	17	14	19	9	21	15	6	10
2023	13	16	8	21	12	22	9	11	13	16	13	24
2024	19	16	13	19	20	19	5	28	15	16	12	25
2025	13	29	26	28	28	19	20	14	30	32	26	17
2026	30	18	20	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

2. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of patients admitted to hospital with a confirmed diagnosis of a retained placenta, between 1 January 2020 and 5 April 2026, broken down by month.

Please note: the information includes diagnosis of delayed and secondary postpartum haemorrhage which includes both “Haemorrhage associated with retained portions of placenta or membranes” and “Retained products of conception NOS, following delivery”.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2020	9	6	*	5	*	10	11	10	7	*	11	6
2021	8	9	12	*	7	*	7	10	8	7	*	5
2022	0	8	*	*	6	5	5	9	8	*	8	8
2023	*	7	11	7	9	6	10	12	12	9	8	*
2024	*	9	*	13	12	11	6	11	7	10	5	7
2025	11	17	9	12	10	14	11	14	5	7	6	11
2026	5	6	10	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

3. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of inpatient births recorded between 1 January 2020 and 5 April 2026, broken down by month.

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2020	211	234	215	187	199	197	204	198	225	198	209	190
2021	159	180	182	176	196	222	227	256	264	266	254	222
2022	221	204	212	239	224	205	223	242	219	259	196	222
2023	201	191	208	196	232	234	234	209	234	229	247	218
2024	200	204	211	223	222	204	203	217	223	205	167	188
2025	221	218	221	225	226	217	228	222	221	265	231	231
2026	228	188	221	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-