

Reference:	FOI.5551.21
Subject:	Patient safety incidents
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Requested:

In the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20 and for the portion of 2020-21 for which figures are available, could you please tell me the following?

1. How many RIDDOR incidents were reported?
2. How many RIDDOR incidents directly attributable to NHS estates and facilities were reported?
3. As a result of RIDDOR incidents directly attributable to NHS estates and facilities, how many patients were:
 - a. injured
 - b. killed
4. As a result of RIDDOR incidents directly attributable to NHS estates and facilities, how many members of staff were:
 - a. injured
 - b. killed
5. The nature of injuries recorded under parts 3 and 4 of this request.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate level” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate level” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or (2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the information requested for questions 2 to 5, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all investigations relating to Estates and Facilities, to identify any information that fulfils your request, as this information is not recorded centrally.

The number of investigations between 2018/19 and 2020/21 is 139; therefore, conducting the search would far exceed the ‘appropriate level’, costing the UHB the following:

139 @ 15 minutes per patient record = 34.75 hours
 34.75 hours @ £25 per hours = £868.75

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

Under section 16 of the FoIA, we are required, as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under FoIA.

1. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) incidents reported, during the financial years requested.

Financial year	Number
2018/19	55
2019/20	42
2020/21 to date	42
Total	139