

Reference:	FOI.9044.22
Subject:	Patients admitted due to a fall
Date of Request:	30 May 2022

Requested:

I would be very grateful if you could provide me with the following dated over the past year:

1. Number of patients admitted due to a fall
2. Number of patients admitted due to a fall because of a long lie (after being on the floor for an hour or more)
3. Number of patients admitted due to a fall and discharged the same day
4. Number of patients awaiting discharge with no care in place
5. Number of patients admitted on a social care basis (unable to cope alone, no carer, self-neglect, no family etc)

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 limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” 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 being requested, the UHB would need to undertake a manual search of patient admission records, for the previous twelve (12) months requested, to identify the data that would fulfil your request for questions 2 and 5, as the information is not recorded centrally.

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.

However, 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. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds for questions 1, 3 and 4 below.

1. The UHB confirms that 3,076 patients were admitted to hospital due to a fall, during the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.
3. The UHB confirms that of those patients admitted due to a fall, 506 were discharged the same day, during the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.
4. The UHB confirms that the data is recorded on a live system; therefore, as at 9 June 2022, 231 patients were medically optimised and 104 were ready to leave, with no care package in place.