

Reference:	FOI.7656.21
Subject:	Pregnant women in Intensive Care, High Dependency Unit or Critical Care
Date of Request:	18 December 2021

Requested:

1. The number of pregnant women in Intensive Care, High Dependency Unit or Critical Care during 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.
2. Please provide data for number of pregnant women in Intensive Care, High Dependency Unit or Critical Care who have received 0, 1, 2, 3, 3+ COVID 19/ booster vaccine doses.
3. Please provide data on the number of miscarriages and still births of 0-3 months gestation, 3-6 months gestation, 6-9 months gestation and full term for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.

Clarification

Perhaps it would be easier if my question was reworded in weeks as follows:

Please provide data on the number of miscarriages and still births of 0-13 weeks gestation, 14-27 gestation, 28-41 weeks gestation and 41+ weeks gestation for the years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with any of the information requested, due to the low numbers of cases (5 and under), 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. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 define personal data as data which 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.

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance.

Therefore, the UHB can provide, within the table below, the number of miscarriages for 0-23 weeks gestation and the number of stillbirths from 24 to 41+ weeks gestation, per annum, for the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Year	Miscarriages	Stillbirths
2017	86	19
2018	76	13
2019	80	14
2020	70	9
2021	65	15

Please note:- The UHB records a stillbirth as a baby born with no signs of life after 24 weeks gestation. Additionally, the information provided is as recorded across all of the UHB's maternity wards and is not specific to Intensive Care Units, High Dependency Units or Critical Care Units.