

Reference:	FOI.20002.26
Subject:	Pressure relieving mattresses
Date of Request:	23 March 2026

Requested:

For the period January 2023 to present (25 March 2026), can I please request information regarding the number of Datix incidents raised for skin breakdown associated with pressure-relieving mattresses.

Clarification

1. Can you please clarify if you want information around ‘pressure damage’ that developed during our care or that was already present before admission, or do you want both?

Both please

2. Can you please clarify if you want information around ‘pressure damage’ that is recorded as avoidable or unavoidable, or do you want both?

Both please

3. Can you please clarify if you want information around ‘pressure damage’ incidents that have developed because of pressure-relieving mattresses or those being treated with pressure-relieving mattresses?

I am looking for information of incidents that have developed because of pressure-relieving mattresses.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table below, the number of pressure damage incidents that developed/worsened during admission to a UHB hospital and the number that recorded pressure damage prior to admission, as recorded on its Datix Incident and Risk reporting system, for the period 1 January 2023 to 25 March 2026.

Occurred	Number
During admission	3,447
Prior to admission	3,270

2. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of pressure damage incidents that occurred either prior to or were developed during hospital admission, that were recorded as avoidable and unavoidable on its Datix Incident and Risk reporting system, for the period 1 January 2023 to 25 March 2026.

Reason	Number
Avoidable	943
Unavoidable	2,491

3. The UHB does not hold the information exactly as requested, as it does not categorise or routinely record the specific device that may have caused pressure damage. However, the

UHB provides within the table below the number of pressure damage incidents that developed/worsened during admission to a UHB hospital and the number of incidents recording pressure damage prior to admission, that relate to a medical device, as recorded on its Datix Incident and Risk reporting system, for the period 1 January 2023 to 25 March 2026.

Occurred	Number
During admission	167
Prior to admission	86

Please note for those pressure damage incidents recorded as device related, we are unable to provide details what device they are in relation to.