

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.13007.23
<b>Subject:</b>	Pressure ulcer data
<b>Date of Request:</b>	30 October 2023

**Requested:**

1. The total number of patients cared for during 12 months between 01/10/2022 and 01/10/2023:
  - Emergency
  - Day Case
  - Elective
  - Other
  - Total
2. Number of inpatients that developed bed sores, pressure sores or pressure ulcers for the twelve months between: 01/10/2022 and 01/10/2023.
3. Total number of pressure sore incidents by grade, not number of patients, as some patients may develop more than one pressure ulcers between: 01/10/2022 and 01/10/2023.
  - Grade 1
  - Grade 2
  - Grade 3
  - Grade 4
4. The proportion of these pressure sores that were new and had therefore occurred since.
5. The number of patients admitted from residential or nursing homes with pressure sores.
6. The number of death certificates in this period on which pressure sores were mentioned.

**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 Act 2000 and the Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with all of the data requested for questions 4 and 5, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of each incident where pressure damage is recorded, which would then need to be scrutinised, to identify the information that would fulfil your request, as it 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, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds below.

1. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients cared for in the departments requested, as recorded on the UHB's Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS), during the period 1 October 2022 to 1 October 2023.

Department	Number
Emergency	45,836
Day Case	40,869
Elective	15,483
Other	9,641
Total	111,829

2. The UHB confirms that six hundred and six (606) inpatients developed bed sores, pressure sores or pressure ulcers, as recorded on the UHB's DATIX Incident Reporting system, during the period 1 October 2022 to 1 October 2023.
3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of pressure damage incidents, by grade, as recorded on the UHB's DATIX Incident Reporting system, during the period 1 October 2022 to 1 October 2023.

Grade	Number
Grade 1	337
Grade 2	678
Grade 3	129
Grade 4	9
Suspected Deep Tissue	239
Unstageable	164

4. Section 12 exemption applied.
5. Section 12 exemption applied. However, from the accessible information held, the UHB confirms that the number of patients that were admitted from a Residential or Nursing home with pressure damage was one hundred and sixty seven (167), as recorded on the UHB's Datix Incident Reporting system, and thirty five (35) patients were recorded on the WPAS, during the period 1 October 2022 to 1 October 2023.

Please note:- there may be a duplication of numbers across the two (2) systems.

6. The UHB regrets to inform you that it does not hold the information requested. Death Certificates are issued by Registry Offices upon registration of a death. We therefore recommend that you redirect this part of your request to the Freedom of Information Teams within each Local Authority in the UHB's footprint who may be able to help you with your enquiry:-

Information & Data Protection Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP or by email [foia@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:foia@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)

Complaints & Freedom of Information Team, Ceredigion County Council, Canolfan Rheidol, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3UE or by email [foi@ceredigion.gov.uk](mailto:foi@ceredigion.gov.uk)

Information Governance Team, Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest,  
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