

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.2825.20
<b>Subject:</b>	Recorded deaths within hospitals
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**Requested:**

I would like to obtain data on the number of fatalities, by day, in each of the hospitals within the Health Board's management structure. Please supply data covering the period January 1 to June 30 2019 and 1 January - date 2020.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has provided the number of fatalities recorded within UHB hospitals for the requested timeframe, within an Excel Spreadsheet, Attachment 1. The UHB is unable to provide the data broken down to individual hospitals as requested due to the low numbers, which would result redaction of almost all data under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as explained below.

Within Attachment 1, where the figures in the tables have been replaced with an asterisk (\*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients 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 defines 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.