

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.12290.23
<b>Subject:</b>	Referrals from private hospitals
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**Requested:**

1. How many patients are admitted to Hywel Dda health board from private hospitals for aftercare?
2. Please provide figures for the year 2023 and 2022 and from which private hospital they arrive.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the number of patients admitted into one of its hospitals from a private hospital for aftercare due to the low numbers of cases (less than 5), 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 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that 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.