

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.14449.24
<b>Subject:</b>	Registered GPs in the Health Board's region
<b>Date of Request:</b>	20 May 2024

**Requested:**

I'd like to request information on the number of registered GPs in the Hywel Dda Local Health Board region.

1. Could you please provide me with the following information:

- Number of GPs registered in 2013
- Number of GPs registered in 2014
- Number of GPs registered in 2015
- Number of GPs registered in 2016
- Number of GPs registered in 2017
- Number of GPs registered in 2018
- Number of GPs registered in 2019
- Number of GPs registered in 2020
- Number of GPs registered in 2021
- Number of GPs registered in 2022
- Number of GPs registered in 2023
- Number of GPs registered in 2024

2. Could you please also provide an overview of the reasons for GPs leaving the health board area per year – whether that be retiring, moving to a different health board, or other reasons you may have.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold all of the information requested as it does not hold the number of registered GPs or the reasons that GP's have terminated their contract within its geographical area.

GP Practices hold their own information and consequently, the UHB does not have access to all of the information you require. Therefore, information on GP termination would need to be requested directly from the individual GP Practices. Contact details for each of them can be found via the following link:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/862/directory/gps/>

Additionally, GP's registration status is available on the General Medical Council (GMC) website:

[Home - GMC \(gmc-uk.org\)](http://www.gmc-uk.org)

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 and provides the accessible information it holds in response to question 2 for GPs directly employed by the UHB below.

2. The UHB provides within the table below, the total number of GPs that have terminated their contract with the UHB and the reasons for leaving as categorised on the UHB's ESR system, during the 2012/13 to 2023/24 financial years.

Financial year	Total number	Reason for leaving
2012/13	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Death in service / end of fixed term contract / other               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retirement age / ill health / early retirement                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary resignation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2013/14	6	
2014/15	21	
2015/16	2	
2016/17	8	
2017/18	9	
2018/19	6	
2019/20	6	
2020/21	7	
2021/22	5	
2022/23	7	
2023/24	12	

The UHB is unable to provide you with the information broken down further, as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals and their reason for terminating their employment with the UHB if this was disclosed. Therefore, the UHB is withholding these details under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

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 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.