

Reference:	FOI.046
Subject:	Reported thefts
Date of Request:	7 February 2019

Requested

1. Please disclose the number of reported thefts from patients at all sites in your trust in each of the following calendar years:
 - i. 2018
 - ii. 2017
 - iii. 2016

2. For each report of theft from patients in the following calendar years, please provide a breakdown of the item/s stolen, their expected value and the full name of the site where the theft was reported.
 - i. 2018
 - ii. 2017
 - iii. 2016

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) can confirm that there were 21 reported incidents of thefts by patients within the requested timeframes. The UHB is unable to break the figures down any further into individual years due to the low figures and there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this were disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). 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.

2. The UHB has provided details of 21 reported incidents within Attachment 1. Unfortunately, the UHB is unable to break down details into the year in which they occurred as there could be an increased risk of identification as described in the answer to question 1.

Additionally, the UHB has withheld the details of 2 incidents under Section 30 of the FOIA, which allows information that is the subject of an ongoing criminal investigation to be excluded to enable a thorough, non-prejudiced investigation and whereby disclosure would be likely to adversely affect the course of justice.