

Reference:	FOI.13519.24
Subject:	Scurvy and rickets
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Requested:

1. How many patients has your trust treated for scurvy in each of the years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023.
2. How many patients has your trust treated for rickets in each of the years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023.

Response:

1. & 2. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of inpatients treated for scurvy and rickets, during the 2019 to 2023 calendar years.

Calendar year	Scurvy	Rickets
2019	86	0
2020	69	0
2021	187	*
2022	179	0
2023	202	0

Where the figure in the table has been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low number 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 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.