

Reference:	FOI.2079.19
Subject:	Sepsis cases
Date of Request:	2 December 2019

Requested:

1. How many cases of sepsis were recorded in the financial years?:

- i) 2014/15
- ii) 2015/16
- iii) 2016/17
- iv) 2017/18
- v) 2018/19

2. Could you please provide for the financial years:

- i. 2014/15
- ii. 2015/16
- iii. 2016/17
- iv. 2017/18
- v. 2018/19?

- a. Deaths following primary diagnosis of Sepsis
- b. Deaths following secondary diagnosis of Sepsis

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has provided the information requested within an Excel Spreadsheet, 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 has also replaced totals which could be used to calculate the redacted figure with a double asterisk (**). 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.