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Subject:	Subcutaneous injections
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Requested

1. Please can you provide me with any data that the Hywel Dda holds on medication errors surrounding the administering of subcutaneous injections in patients?
2. I would also like to know the reasons why Hywel Dda policy indicates that only those with a professional registration can administer subcutaneous injections?
3. Has there been any cases of subcutaneous administration errors that led the policy makers within the health board to make this decision?
4. What is the data on calculation errors using Accucheck insulin calculators within the Hywel Dda Health Board?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) can confirm that between 1 April 2015 and 7 May 2019 there were 3 recorded incidences surrounding the administration of subcutaneous injections. The UHB is unable to provide any further detail surrounding the incidences 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 (DPA) 2018 / General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2016, 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. This question is not considered to be a request for information held by the UHB as is required under the Freedom of Information Act, the UHB has therefore forwarded this request onto the service for direct response. Sue Beach, Head of Medicines Management will be in contact by email in due course.
3. There has been no incidences of subcutaneous administration errors which resulted in an amendment to the UHB's policy.
4. The UHB has no record of any calculation errors using Accucheck insulin calculators.