

Reference:	FOI.16035.24
Subject:	Suspected suicides
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Requested:

I wondered if you kept data on the suspected suicides related to the individual clinics - specifically Gorwelion in Aberystwyth? I'd be interested in receiving the data on the number of suspected suicides related to patients of Gorwelion over the last five years.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table below, the number of suspected suicides related to patients of Gorwelion Community Mental Health Centre, during the 2019/20 to 2023/24 financial years.

Financial year	Number
2019/20	6
2020/21	*
2021/22	*
2022/23	*
2023/24	6
Total	18

Where the figures in the table have 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 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.