

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.15848.24
<b>Subject:</b>	Total inpatient falls
<b>Date of Request:</b>	20 November 2024

**Requested:**

1. Total Falls by Hospital: The total number of inpatient falls by hospital, covering the last five years?
2. Total Falls by Ward: The total number of inpatient falls by ward, covering the last five years?
3. Contact for Falls Leads: A list of NHS email addresses for falls leads/groups within the trust or the individuals responsible for fall prevention?
4. Falls Compensation Claims: The average annual compensation paid out by the trust in relation to inpatient falls over the past five years?
5. Absconded Patients by Ward: The number of inpatients who absconded from wards (defined as leaving without informing staff, resulting in a missing person status) by ward, covering the last five years?
6. Absconding Compensation Claims: The average annual compensation paid out by the trust in relation to absconding incidents over the past five years?
7. One-to-One Support for Fall Risk Patients: The average cost per patient, per day, for one-to-one support provided to patients at risk of falls?

For questions 1, 2, and 5, could you please provide the data in table format, sorted by hospital and ward, with the total number of incidents per year up to and including this year?

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested. 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 (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB has also replaced totals that 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 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.

1. & 2. The UHB provides the number of inpatient falls as is recorded on Datix, the incident reporting system, for the last five (5) full calendar years within Attachment 1.

3. The UHB's lead contacts for falls are Mandy Davies, Assistant Director of Nursing and Quality Improvement and Ceri Griffiths, Interim Assistant Director of Nursing, who are contactable via [corporate.correspondence.hdd@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:corporate.correspondence.hdd@wales.nhs.uk)

4. The average amounts paid out by the UHB in relation to inpatient falls for the last five (5) full calendar years are provided within the table below.

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>Average amount</b>
2019	£12,279.20
2020	£15,779.83
2021	£ 48,766.67
2022	£14,750.00
2023	£3,950.00

5. The table within Attachment 1 provides the number of absconded patients from each ward during the requested timeframe.

6. The UHB has not paid out any costs due to absconding patients during the requested timeframe.

7. The average fully absorbed daily cost per patient for inpatients in a General Medicine Ward requiring one-to-one support due to being at risk of falls for the 2023/24 financial year is £983.24. The UHB does not hold this data for patients in the community.