

Reference:	FOI.18312.25
Subject:	Unexpected child death information
Date of Request:	10 September 2025

Requested:

1. Does your Emergency Department receive cases of unexpected child death? If “yes”, please proceed to question 2. If “No”, please respond to question 1 only.
2. Did your Emergency Department have standard procedures or guidance for the management of unexpected child death in place on 1st Sept 2025? If “yes” please proceed to questions 3&4, answering using the guidance available on 1st Sept 2025. If “no” please respond to questions 1 & 2 only.
3. Does your standard procedures or guidance document ask whether a parent is breastfeeding the child that has died?
4. Does your standard procedures document or guidance include management of the bereaved breastfeeding parent to reduce risk of engorgement, mastitis, and additional emotional distress?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that its Accident and Emergency (A&E) departments do receive unexpected child death cases.
2. The UHB confirms that its A&E departments did have standard procedures in place for the management of unexpected child deaths on 1 September 2025.
3. The UHB confirms that its standard procedure does not enquire as to whether a parent was breastfeeding the child prior to death.
4. The UHB confirms that its standard procedure does not include guidance on the management of a bereaved breastfeeding parent to reduce the risk of engorgement, mastitis, and additional emotional distress.