

Reference:	FOI.2444.20
Subject:	Wrong route medication administration never events
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Requested:

- The type of any wrong route medication administration never events in the last three years e.g. Intravenous medication given intrathecally.
- The hospital and department the error took place.
- The severity of the harm caused by the error.

Response:

The UHB is unable to provide you with the number of wrong route medication administration never events due to the low number of cases (5 and under). 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.