

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.1411.19
<b>Subject:</b>	Young smokers
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**Requested**

1. How many people under the age of 18 were treated for addiction to cigarettes/nicotine in the following financial years:  
2014/15  
2015/16  
2016/17  
2017/18  
2018/19
  
2. How many people under the age of 16 were treated for addiction to cigarettes/nicotine in the following financial years:  
2014/15  
2015/16  
2016/17  
2017/18  
2018/19
  
3. How many people under the age of 12 were treated for addiction to cigarettes/nicotine in the following financial years:  
2014/15  
2015/16  
2016/17  
2017/18  
2018/19
  
4. How many people under the age of 18 were recommended e-cigarettes as a method to treat smoking/nicotine addiction in the following financial years:  
2014/15  
2015/16  
2016/17  
2017/18  
2018/19
  
5. How many nicotine replacement treatments were prescribed to people under the age of 18 in the following financial years:  
2014/15  
2015/16  
2016/17  
2017/18  
2018/19

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of people under the age of 18 treated for addiction to cigarettes/nicotine for the periods requested.

Financial year	Number
2014/15	0
2015/16	0
2016/17	0
2017/18	*
2018/19	14

2. The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the number of people under the age of 16 treated for addiction to cigarettes/nicotine for the requested periods.

Financial year	Number
2014/15	0
2015/16	0
2016/17	0
2017/18	0
2018/19	9

3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of people under the age of 12 treated for addiction to cigarettes/nicotine for the requested periods.

Financial year	Number
2014/15	0
2015/16	0
2016/17	0
2017/18	0
2018/19	0

4. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of people under the age of 18 recommended e-cigarettes as a method to treat smoking/nicotine addiction for the periods requested.

Financial year	Number
2014/15	0
2015/16	0
2016/17	0
2017/18	0
2018/19	0

5. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of nicotine replacement treatments prescribed to people under the age of 18 for the requested periods.

Financial year	Number
2014/15	0
2015/16	0
2016/17	0
2017/18	*
2018/19	14

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 (5 and under), 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 2018/ General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), 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.