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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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I refer to your further request received by us on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 that we revisit our response to your Freedom of Information request, sent to you on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

You asked that we look at the following question regarding the breakdown of each incident.

**Please give total number of trauma incidents attended from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2019 -1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021 [inclusive].**

**Please disclose: for each incident-**

- a. Incident Date and Time first alerted**
- b. Incident on site time and location.**
- c. Incident Departure Time from location.**
- d. Incident Arrival time at Tertiary Care and duration of transport taken to the Hospital**
- e. Mode of transport (e.g. helicopter)**
- f. Type of injury/medical issue**
- g. Which hospital was the patient taken to? Morriston/UHW/Bristol Southmead/Other**

In its initial response to you on the 14<sup>th</sup> May, the Health Board stated that it was unable to provide the level of data you requested as to the breakdown of each incident attended as there was a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed and therefore withheld this information under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000



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In your further correspondence to us you have suggested we could calculate the distance in kilometres from the point Cwmystwyth, Devil's Bridge, Ceredigion (52°19'48.791"N 3°45'59.072"W; grid reference SN7972871704) for each attendance, therefore anonymising the data and enabling us to provide the location information to you.

However, to obtain the distance in kilometres from the specified point for each of the 2697 incidents attended in the time period specified would involve a manual calculation and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

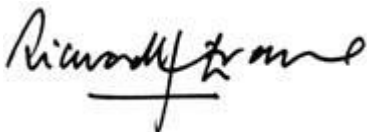
In addition to this, even with location data removed or anonymised, we are still unable to provide you with the level of detail you are seeking as to other information requested for each attendance. There is a potential risk of identifying the individual if this was disclosed, especially if combined with the flight data available in the public domain and cross referenced with news articles or social media posts. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request please contact me directly at the address below or register your complaint via [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



On behalf of

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