

Reference:	FOI.2637.20
Subject:	Maternity mortality rates
Date of Request:	3 March 2020

Requested:

I would like to request the following information about maternal mortality rates under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. The number of maternal mortality rates in Wales from 01/01/2015 to the most recent data available?
2. The name of the hospital and local authority (including county and district). Please include the latitude and longitude of locations.
3. The age of the mothers at the time of death.
4. Race and ethnicity of the mothers.
5. If possible: the underlying cause of death.

Response:

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 (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.