



Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-212	15 th May 2023
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I would like to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information:

- How many patients have been treated within your health board with symptoms of drug overdose in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023? Please provide a monthly breakdown of each of the years listed (January, February, March, etc).**

Please find below:

Number of inpatient spells for accidental poisonings due to drugs, medicaments and biological substances

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
January	18	15	19	10	14	8
February	18	22	23	10	10	6
March	22	23	19	22	9	5
April	25	18	23	16	6	
May	40	21	23	23	18	
June	40	19	27	18	8	
July	27	20	28	17	14	
August	31	32	20	17	9	
September	29	25	23	13	14	
October	36	21	17	17	12	
November	30	30	9	11	4	
December	26	20	13	14	8	
Grand Total	342	266	244	188	126	19

*January to March

Number of inpatient spells - intentional self-poisonings due to drugs, medicaments and biological substances

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
January	64	122	111	36	38	24
February	87	119	138	22	43	26
March	85	135	102	65	37	5
April	122	81	71	127	34	
May	138	94	103	90	39	
June	122	114	107	108	43	
July	124	92	88	104	34	
August	96	108	96	72	30	
September	101	108	92	51	39	
October	107	99	91	40	25	
November	116	112	46	42	22	

December	112	90	25	34	24	
Grand Total	1274	1274	1070	791	408	55

*January to March

Number of A&E Attendances with presenting complaint of 'overdose'

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
January	186	185	194	190	220	158
February	168	179	219	170	182	202
March	150	215	176	185	222	175
April	197	211	136	202	184	
May	214	199	170	180	221	
June	218	231	186	210	217	
July	216	203	206	199	215	
August	191	187	193	186	220	
September	159	169	170	204	231	
October	183	203	163	188	177	
November	193	180	160	194	181	
December	181	156	191	149	165	
Grand total	2256	2318	2164	2257	2435	535

*January to March

- 2. How many patients have been treated within your health board with symptoms of spiking in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023? Please provide a monthly breakdown of each of the years listed (January, February, March, etc).**

2 patients were hospital inpatients in 2019. 1 patient in February 2023 and 1 patient in March 2023.

The Health Board are unable to provide data for A&E data as there is no data field that specifically identifies this cohort of patients.

- 3. How many drug-related deaths have been recorded in your health board in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023? Please provide a monthly breakdown of each of the years listed (January, February, March, etc).**

The Health Board can only provide data on patients who were in hospital at the time of their death and the conditions being treated, investigated or present whilst in hospital.

Please find below deaths in hospital with a primary or secondary diagnosis of accidental poisoning, intentional self-poisoning or mental and behavioural disorders due to drugs (e.g., addiction). For mortality data of all residents the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board area you would need to contact the [Office for National Statistics](#) (ONS).

Month	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
January	3	1	2	-	-	3
February	2	-	3	1	-	1
March	-	1	1	1	-	2
April	-	1	2	3	1	

May	2	1	7	1	2	
June	1	2	4	2	2	
July	-	1	1	2	4	
August	2	1	2	4	1	
September	2	2	1	-	2	
October	2	3	2	4	2	
November	-	1	1	1	2	
December	1		4	2	1	
Grand Total	15	14	30	21	17	6

4. Please can you provide the number of deaths due to blood clots per age group for the years; 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023. To specify, I would like the data to be separated in the following age groups, unless the data is already separated differently: Under 20 years old, under 30 years old, under 40 years old, under 50 years old, under 60 years old, under 70 years old, under 80 years old, 80 years old and above.

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Please find below the deaths in hospital with a primary diagnosis of 'blood clot'. Please note 'blood clot' has been interpreted to mean conditions such as myocardial infarction, cerebral infarction, DVT, pulmonary embolism, thrombosis or embolism of other arteries and veins. The primary diagnosis is the main condition treated or investigated during the relevant episode of healthcare.

Age Group	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023*
0-19	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-29	-	-	-	-	2	-
30-39	1	1	-	1	-	-
40-49	2	-	2	2	1	-
50-59	5	8	7	11	5	3
60-69	17	20	19	13	16	4
70-79	48	37	58	39	57	15
80+	138	123	86	119	120	25
Total	211	189	172	185	201	47