

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_121_21

You asked:

I am writing to request information about patient safety incidents under the Freedom of Information Act.

In the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20 and for the portion of 2020-21 for which figures are available, could you please tell me the following:

- 1) How many RIDDOR incidents were reported?
- 2) How many RIDDOR incidents directly attributable to NHS estates and facilities were reported?
- 3) How many patients were a) injured and b) killed (please separate the figures in parts a and b) as a result of RIDDOR incidents directly attributable to NHS estates and facilities
- 4) How many members of staff were a) injured and b) killed (please separate the figures in parts a and b) as a result of RIDDOR incidents directly attributable to NHS estates and facilities
- 5) the nature of injuries recorded under parts 3 and 4 of this request

Our response:

Between the 01.04.18 and 31.03.21, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board under RIDDOR made a total of 219 reports to the Health & Safety Executive.

	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Staff	43	93	78
Patient	0	*Less than 5	*Less than 5

The Incident Management system used within the Health Board currently does not record information in a format that enables us to identify where incidents are attributable to Estates or Facilities. For example if an individual fell on the ward due to poor floor surface, this would be captured against the ward and not attributable to Estates or Facilities.

Information that is available from within the Incident Management System in relation has been summarised below.

A breakdown by RIDDOR accident type of the 219 reports made under RIDDOR are provided in the table below.

	Staff	Patient
Another kind of accident	25	0
Exposed to, or in contact with, a harmful substance/ Contact with electricity or an electrical discharge	21	0
Fell from a height	8	*Less than 5
Hit by a moving, flying or falling object	17	0
Hit something fixed or stationary	5	0
Injured while handling, lifting or carrying/ Trapped by something collapsing	42	0

Physically assaulted by a person/ Injured by an animal	40	0
Slipped, tripped or fell on the same level	56	*Less than 5

Of the 219 incidents reported, the RIDDOR Injury type is highlighted in the table below:

	Staff	Patient
Dangerous occurrence/Disease	19	0
Fatality	0	*Less than 5
Injury preventing work for more than seven days	179	0
Injury to member of public resulting in being taken to hospital	0	*Less than 5
Major injury or condition	16	*Less than 5

*Where the figures are less than 5, the exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. 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.