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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_12_26

You asked:

Where available, provide the information separately for each hospital with an A&E/ED department within the trust (Prince Charles Hospital, Princess of Wales Hospital, Royal Glamorgan Hospital, etc).

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information your organisation may hold regarding incidents of spiking:

1. The number of recorded incidents of suspected spiking cases from October 2021 – September 2025, broken down by month where possible.

Please note the following:

- The data provided (Q1 and Q2) is based on a free text search therefore, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of the data.
- The presenting complaint and triage comments were searched for the word "spiked". Spiked temperature and similar text have been excluded from the search criteria.
- When searching for type of spiking method the presenting complaint was searched for the following words

Spike and Drink
Spike and Needle
Spike and Vape
Spike and Food

- Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. 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.

- We can confirm that the Health Board does hold information relating to the Princess of Wales Hospital. However, to release the specific information in the way that you have requested would mean disclosure of low numbers. Therefore, we are applying 40(2) of the

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (please see above) to this element of your request.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, we can confirm that there were 10 incidents recorded (free text search) in the Princess of Wales A&E department during the time period requested.

Please see data provided in the table below, for Prince Charles Hospital and the Royal Glamorgan Hospital.

Month	Hospital	Count	Month	Hospital	Count
Oct-21	Prince Charles Hospital	7	Oct-21	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	7
Nov-21	Prince Charles Hospital	12	Nov-21	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Dec-21	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Dec-21	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Jan-22	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Jan-22	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Feb-22	Prince Charles Hospital	8	Feb-22	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Mar-22	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Mar-22	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	6
Apr-22	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Apr-22	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	13
May-22	Prince Charles Hospital	**	May-22	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	7
Jun-22	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Jun-22	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Jul-22	Prince Charles Hospital	5	Jul-22	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Aug-22	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Aug-22	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	5
Sep-22	Prince Charles Hospital	6	Sep-22	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Oct-22	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Oct-22	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Nov-22	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Nov-22	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Dec-22	Prince Charles Hospital	5	Dec-22	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Jan-23	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Jan-23	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Feb-23	Prince Charles Hospital	5	Feb-23	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Mar-23	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Mar-23	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Apr-23	Prince Charles Hospital	8	Apr-23	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
May-23	Prince Charles Hospital	**	May-23	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Jun-23	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Jun-23	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Jul-23	Prince Charles Hospital	7	Jul-23	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	6
Aug-23	Prince Charles Hospital	6	Aug-23	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	5
Sep-23	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Sep-23	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Oct-23	Prince Charles Hospital	10	Oct-23	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Nov-23	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Nov-23	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	11
Dec-23	Prince Charles Hospital	9	Dec-23	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	5
Jan-24	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Jan-24	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	6
Feb-24	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Feb-24	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	6
Mar-24	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Mar-24	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Apr-24	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Apr-24	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
May-24	Prince Charles Hospital	**	May-24	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Jun-24	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Jun-24	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Jul-24	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Jul-24	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Aug-24	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Aug-24	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Sep-24	Prince Charles Hospital	5	Sep-24	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Oct-24	Prince Charles Hospital	6	Oct-24	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	5
Nov-24	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Nov-24	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Dec-24	Prince Charles Hospital	8	Dec-24	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	8
Jan-25	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Jan-25	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**

Feb-25	Prince Charles Hospital	6	Feb-25	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Mar-25	Prince Charles Hospital	5	Mar-25	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Apr-25	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Apr-25	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
May-25	Prince Charles Hospital	**	May-25	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Jun-25	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Jun-25	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Jul-25	Prince Charles Hospital	6	Aug-25	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Aug-25	Prince Charles Hospital	**	Sep-25	Royal Glamorgan Hospital	**
Sep-25	Prince Charles Hospital	**			
Total		198	Total		177

2. Where available, provide a breakdown of the information, such as grouped data or percentages:

- a) **Type of spiking methods** – needling, drink spiking, food spiking, vape spiking and any other means
- b) **Gender** – Male, Female, Non-binary, Not disclosed, Other
- c) **Age group** of individuals at the time of alleged spiking –
 - below 18
 - 18 to 24
 - 25 to 34
 - 35 to 44
 - 45 and above
- d) **Setting/location type** where spiking took place (bar, nightclub, private residence, university accommodation, others)

Royal Glamorgan Hospital

RGH		
Age Range	Female	Male
Below 18	7	9
18 to 24	72	26
25 to 34	20	13
35 to 44	16	5
45 and above	5	**

RGH	Spiking Method			
Setting	Drink Spiking	Food Spiking	Needling	Unknown
Abroad				**
Home/Private residence	**	**		59
Not Applicable			**	**
Other	**			15
Other Private Dwelling				**
Public Place	9		**	72
Public Road				**
Sports Field				**
Work				**

Prince Charles Hospital

PCH		
Age Range	Female	Male
Below 18	16	10

18 to 24	61	27
25 to 34	20	20
35 to 44	13	5
45 and above	11	15

PCH	Spiking Method			
Setting	Drink Spiking	Needling	Unknown	Vape Spiking
Abroad			**	
Home/Private residence	**	**	42	**
Not Applicable	**		18	
Other	**	**	42	
Other Private Dwelling	**		**	
Public Place	17		62	
Public Road			**	
Work			**	

Princess of Wales Hospital

Please see response to question 1 (Section 40 (2) applied).

3. Copies of or link to any guidance, protocols, or policies your organisation has for responding to suspected spiking incidents.

Princess of Wales Emergency Department (POW ED):

This is the guidance in POW ED Handbook

Drink spiking and needle spiking

Symptomatic treatment for drug exposure and physical injury/ assault as needed. Toxbase if substance known or suspected. Consider toxidromes.

Encourage patient to involve police.

RCEM statement (updated 2024) here.

It is not the role of ED to collect forensic samples or to do a 'drugs screen'.

Police have access to drug screen testing if needed.

Royal Glamorgan Hospital Emergency Department (RGH ED):

RGH ED Handbook doesn't have any specific local guidance.

Prince Charles Hospital Emergency Department (PCH ED):

PCH Eolas guideline app links to RCEM guidance below in line with POW

[RCEM Spiking Position Statement July 2022.pdf](#)

4. This question is for Sexual Assault Referral Centres — do you accept reports of spiking even if there hasn't been a sexual assault?

N/A.