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Dear Joel

Thank you for your recent written question asking me to provide a breakdown of liver disease prevalence by health board in 2022 and to provide a breakdown of liver disease mortality rates in Wales between 2020 and 2022?

Welsh Government does not hold data centrally on liver disease prevalence, but it may be available through Digital Health and Care Wales who produce the [National Liver Disease Dashboard](#).

Welsh Government also doesn't hold data centrally on liver disease mortality rates, but it is published by the Office for National Statistics through their explorable dataset platform [Nomis](#).

Table 1 contains the numbers of death and age-standardised mortality rates for deaths from cirrhosis and other diseases of the liver in Wales for 2020 to 2022. Age-standardised mortality rates are best for monitoring mortality over time as they control for changes in population size and age-structure. There has been a small increase in age-standardised mortality rates from cirrhosis and other diseases of the liver from 2020 to 2022 in Wales.

**Table 1: Number of deaths and age-standardised mortality rate for deaths due to Cirrhosis and other diseases of the liver, Wales, 2020 to 2022**

| Year | Number of deaths | Age-standardised mortality rate (deaths per 100,000 population) |
|------|------------------|---|
| 2020 | 648              | 20.3  |
| 2021 | 696              | 21.7  |
| 2022 | 701              | 21.6  |

Source: Office for National Statistics accessed via [Nomis](#)

Yours sincerely



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