

Reference:	FOI.11496.23
Subject:	Anorexia Nervosa
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Requested:

1. The total number of hospitalisations for treatment of anorexia nervosa within NHS Services falling under the jurisdiction of your Health Board, each year from 2018 to 2020 broken down:
 - a. Into monthly figures;
 - b. Into age categories (preferably under 15s, 15-17, 18-20, 21-23, 24-26 and 27-29, 30-32, 33-35 and over 35s, but alternative breakdowns are acceptable if this is considered too onerous);
 - c. The names of the hospitals or health services that have provided the patients with care.
2. The number of patients readmitted for anorexia nervosa within your Trust (whether previous admissions were within or outside your Trust) each year from 2018-2020 broken down:
 - a. Into monthly figures;
 - b. Into age categories (preferably under 15s, 15-17, 18-20, 21-23, 24-26 and 27-29, 30-32, 33-35 and over 35s, but alternative breakdowns are acceptable if this is considered too onerous);
 - c. The names of the hospitals or health services which have provided the patients with care.
3. The number of patients admitted for treatment of anorexia nervosa within your Trust, each year from 2018-2020 who were discharged broken down:
 - a. Into monthly figures;
 - b. Into age categories (preferably under 15s, 15-17, 18-20, 21-23, 24-26 and 27-29, 30-32, 33-35 and over 35s, but alternative breakdowns are acceptable if this is considered too onerous);
 - c. The names of the hospitals or health services which have provided the patients with care.
4. The number of requests for beds for patients with anorexia nervosa within your Trust, each year from 2018-2020 broken down
 - a. Into monthly figures;
 - b. Into age categories (preferably under 15s, 15-17, 18-20, 21-23, 24-26 and 27-29, 30-32, 33-35 and over 35s, but alternative breakdowns are acceptable if this is considered too onerous);
 - c. The names of the hospitals or health services that have provided the patients with care.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information broken down by location, month or by the age ranges as requested, due to the low number of cases (5 and under).

Additionally, where the figures in the tables have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number, again 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 has also replaced totals which could be used to calculate the redacted figure with a double asterisk (**). Therefore, the UHB is withholding these details under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the UK 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/UK GDPR define 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.

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. The UHB can provide the data for question 1 by reduced age groups and for questions 2 and 3, can provide data per annum.

1. The UHB provides, within the tables below, the number of patients admitted to hospital for treatment of anorexia nervosa, by age range, across the UHB’s hospitals, during the 2018 to 2020 calendar years.

Number across all hospitals			
Age range	2018	2019	2020
Under 18	6	11	11
18 – 34	6	*	*
35 and over	*	*	*
Total	**	16	15

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients readmitted for anorexia nervosa, across the UHB’s hospitals, during the 2018 to 2020 calendar years.

Number across all hospitals		
2018	2019	2020
*	7	*

Furthermore, the UHB can confirm that there was a total of seventeen (17) patients readmitted for anorexia nervosa across the UHB’s hospitals, across the three (3) financial years.

3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients admitted for the treatment of anorexia nervosa and were discharged, across the UHB’s hospitals, during the 2018 to 2020 calendar years.

Number across all hospitals		
2018	2019	2020
6	11	9

4. A section 40 exemption has been applied, due to the low number of requests for beds for patients with anorexia nervosa, during the 2018 to 2020 calendar years.