

FOI.16927 - Attachment 1

1. How many patients presented at your A&E departments with mental ill health (psychiatric, psychological, and/or behavioural disturbances/changes) as the primary issue each year between and including 2019 to 2025? Please include data up to the end of February 2025.

The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients that presented at an UHB A&E department with a primary MH diagnosis, as recorded on the UHB's Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS), during the 2019 to 2024 calendar years and the period 1 January to 28 February 2025.

Calendar year	Number
2019	3,303
2020	2,500
2021	2,656
2022	2,684
2023	2,760
2024	2,462
1/1/25 - 28/2/25	296

Please note:- the diagnoses include MH, acute psychosis, anxiety state, clinical depression, panic attack, personality disorder and deliberate self-harm.

2. How many patients identified in question 1 waited more than 12 hours for transfer to a bed in a mental health unit after a decision to admit? Please provide year by year data between and including 2019 to 2025, and include data up to the end of February 2025.

The UHB does not hold the requested information as MH patients are referred to the UHB's Crisis Teams for assessment and not directly transferred to a MH ward.

3. How many incidents of physical violence carried out towards staff by all patients were reported each year between and including 2019 to 2025 in your A+E departments? Please include data up to the end of February 2025.

The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of physical violence incidents on staff by patients in its A&E departments, as recorded on the UHB's Datix Incident and Risk system, during the 2019 to 2024 calendar years and the period 1 January to 28 February 2025.

Calendar year	Number
2019	13
2020	14
2021	5
2022	6
2023	10
2024	*
1/1/25 - 28/2/25	0

Where the figure in the table has been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of incidents due to the low number of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/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 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 DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that 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.

