

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.2482.20
<b>Subject:</b>	Acute psychiatric care
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**Requested:**

1. How many in-patients (acute psychiatric patients) have been admitted to units outside Wales during 2017, 2018, and up to June 2019 (or up to the latest available figures)?  
Can you separate the data by year and include the Health Board areas where patients were admitted?
2. How many patients each year (2017 - 2019) were admitted for acute psychiatric care as in patients from outside your health board area?  
Can you separate the data by year and include the Health Board areas where patients were admitted from?
3. During 2017, 2018 and up to June 2019 (or up to the latest available figures) how many acute psychiatric in-patients were admitted into private care and the cost of this provision?  
Can you separate the data by year and include the Health Board areas where patients were admitted to?
4. During 2017, 2018 and up to June 2019 (or up to the latest available figures) what percentage of patients at any one time were/are formally admitted for care under the Mental Health Act?  
Could you break the figures down to a monthly basis for each year?
5. Could you provide me with occupancy rates for beds (acute psychiatric wards) during 2017, 2018 and up to June 2019 (or nearest available figures)?  
Could you break down the figures down to a monthly basis for each year?

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed and the UHB has also replaced the low numbers in the tables with an asterisk (\*). The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018/ General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the 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/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 defines 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.

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of patients admitted for acute psychiatric care as in-patients from outside the UHB area, broken down by area and year for the requested periods.

Area	2017	2018	2019
Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board	6	8	*
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	*	*	0
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board	0	0	*
Cardiff And Vale University Health Board	*	*	0
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board	*	0	*
Powys Teaching Health Board	*	0	*
England	13	8	7
Other	0	*	*

3. The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the number of acute psychiatric in-patients admitted in to private care and the costs, broken down by area and year for the requested periods.

Area	2017	2018	2019
Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board	*	0	0
Aneurin Bevan University Health Board	*	*	*
Cardiff And Vale University Health Board	6	*	*
Other	*	0	0
<b>Cost</b>	£930,798.73	£1,488,898.20	£619,783.37

Please note, that although these placements are within a Health Board they are independent hospitals and not under the Health Board's responsibility.

4. The UHB provides, within the table below, the percentage of patients formally admitted for care under the Mental Health Act broken down by month and year for the requested periods.

Month	2017	2018	2019
January	37.2%	20.9%	29.2%
February	38.6%	36.5%	31.9%
March	32.5%	19.7%	32.9%
April	31.9%	34.2%	33.8%
May	34.3%	38.5%	40.6%
June	27.8%	26.5%	46.7%
July	33.3%	28%	37.7%
August	27.1%	28%	37.1%
September	28.1%	26%	45.3%
October	38.1%	32.9%	40%
November	32.4%	25.4%	42.9%
December	28.1%	20.3%	39.7%

5. The UHB provides, within the table below, the adult mental health and older adult mental health (OAMH) bed occupancy percentage rates, broken down by month and year for the requested periods.

Month	2019		2018		2019	
	Adult	OAMH	Adult	OAMH	Adult	OAMH
January	100%	99.4%	100%	96.9%	100%	94.1%
February	100%	100.8%	100%	97.5%	100%	95.3%
March	100%	99%	100%	99.1%	100%	92.2%
April	100%	95.4%	100%	99.3%	100%	99.2%
May	100%	99.5%	100%	96.4%	100%	94.6%
June	100%	97.1%	100%	88.5%	100%	97.5%
July	100%	94.2%	100%	97.3%	100%	94.4%
August	100%	100%	100%	92.8%	100%	98.7%
September	100%	100%	100%	98.98%	100%	98.8%
October	100%	98.4%	100%	92%	100%	97.1%
November	100%	99.8%	100%	94.5%	100%	97.1%
December	96.9%	100%	100%	90.8%	100%	97.3%