

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.1917.19
<b>Subject:</b>	Anxiety admissions and referrals
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**Requested:**

1. How many admissions to A&E have there been because of anxiety in the last 10 years?
2. How many referrals to mental health services because of anxiety have there been in the last 10 years?

Can I please request the figures for each calendar year? If it is not possible to go back 10 years, I can have the last 5 instead.

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide the information requested for the last 10 years. However, the UHB can provide the information for the number of admissions to its Accident and Emergency departments (A&E) due to anxiety for the calendar years 2011 to 2018 in the table below:

Calendar Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Bronglais General Hospital (BGH)	8	28	23	22	5	11	19	17
Glangwili General Hospital (GGH)	9	11	11	17	13	20	25	25
Prince Philip Hospital (PPH)	7	13	18	24	25	19	16	21
Withybush General Hospital (WGH)	10	9	10	11	18	24	22	13

2. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate level” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate level” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or (2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

Historically, the reason for referral was not recorded centrally by the Mental Health and Learning Disability teams (MH&LD). The UHB is therefore unable to provide you with the requested data for adult patients or children and adolescents prior to 1 April 2015. Therefore, in order to provide you with the requested information the UHB would need to manually scrutinise all referrals to the UHB’s MHL D department for the period requested to identify any information that fulfils your request.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), which provides an exemption from a public authority’s obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

Under section 16 of the FOI, we are required, as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under the FOI Act and therefore can provide you with some information in relation to your request.

From 1 April 2015, the UHB's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) began centrally recording the reason for referral. Within the table below, the UHB has provided you with the number of patients aged 0-17 years who were referred into the UHB's CAMHS service with anxiety recorded as the primary concern, and the number of those referrals that were accepted for treatment.

<b>Anxiety as referring concern</b>					
<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
Received	172	320	355	532	283
Accepted	111	252	270	357	210

Additionally, the UHB has provided the number of inpatients who upon discharge had a diagnosis of an anxiety related illness for the calendar years 2011 to 2018 within the table below:

<b>Calendar Year</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Number of patients	126	168	163	162	191	148	176	148