

Reference:	FOI.9797.22
Subject:	Care homes
Date of Request:	6 September 2022

Requested:

Please provide a breakdown from the last 3 years - 2019 - present, in calendar years not fiscal.

1. How many patients have been sent to a care home by the health board due to there not being carers in the community available to provide the support/care for the patient at home?
2. How much money has the health board spent on paying the care home for the patients full care package (even if this is via a third party eg social services pay and claim the money back from the health board.)

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested, as packages of care are commissioned by the Local Authority (LA) not the UHB. The UHB works in partnership to operate the 'Interim placement scheme', which is part funded by the Regional Intergrated Fund. The scheme operates a Discharge to Recover and Assess pathway (D2RA) in addition to a 'step up' bedded pathway. The scheme provides patients with a six-week window whereby their long-term needs can be assessed using a more holistic approach, rather than assessing a patient at their point of crisis.

By week four of the scheme, a joint assessment is undertaken by the UHB and LA Social Workers, following which a suitable care plan is agreed, which may include community care. The final two weeks of the scheme are utilised by the teams to ensure adequate provision and commissioned services are in place, which may include the provision of equipment, sourcing a suitable care plan or the securing of a placement within a residential or nursing home.

If by week 6 it is determined that there are no further continuing healthcare needs, then the commissioned package of care will be arranged via the LA.

It is therefore recommended that you re-direct your enquiry to the Freedom of Information Departments within the LAs, who may be better placed to help you with your enquiry. For ease, contact details for the LAs have been provided below.

Information & Data Protection Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP or by email foia@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Complaints & Freedom of Information Team, Ceredigion County Council, Canolfan Rheidol, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3UE or by email foi@ceredigion.gov.uk

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