

Reference:	FOI.6030.21
Subject:	Child admissions to an Adult Mental Health Ward
Date of Request:	18 May 2021

Requested:

1. The number of children and young people under 18 admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward between 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019, and the duration of each admission in days.
2. The number of children and young people under 18 admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward between 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020, and the duration of each admission in days.
3. The number of children and young people admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward between 1/1/21 to the current date, and the duration of each admission in days.

I would like the above information to be provided to me in the form of:

-hard copy (paper)

-electronically (e.g. excel spreadsheet)

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the information requested, within the attached spreadsheet, at Attachment 1.

Due to the potential risk of identifying individuals, the UHB has grouped the durations of the admissions, as opposed to detailing the individual number of stays in days and has provided the admissions across the entire period of 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2021. Additionally, where the figures in the tables have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number, due to the low numbers of cases (5 and under).

The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the FoIA. 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.