

Reference:	FOI.9008.22
Subject:	Child admissions to an Adult Mental Health Ward
Date of Request:	24 May 2022

Requested:

Please send me:

1. The number of children and young people under 18 in your UHB who were admitted to an adult mental health ward between 1/1/21 to 31/12/2021, and the duration of each admission in days.
2. The number of children and young people under 18 in your UHB who were admitted to an adult mental health ward for the first quarter of 2022, and the duration of each admission in days.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the tables overleaf, the number of children and young people under 18 years of age that were admitted to an Adult Mental Health (AMH) ward and the duration of the stays, in days, for the requested periods.

Question	Period	Admissions
1.	1/1/2021 to 31/12/2021	27
2.	1/1/2022 to 31/3/2022	7

01/01/2021 - 31/3/2022	Length of admission (days)	Admissions
	1-5	21
	6-10	9
	11-20	*
	21-24	0
	25+	*

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 2021 to 31 March 2022. Additionally, where the figures in the table 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 Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA). This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 and the 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 6 and 9 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 Data Protection Act 2018/UK GDPR define 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