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**Requested:**

FOR ACUTE HOSPITALS IN YOUR TRUST/HEALTH BOARD – If you have more than one hospital in your Trust/Health Board, we would like you to return the below data for each hospital that cares for babies, children, and young people (aged 0-17).

FOR COMMUNITY OR MENTAL HEALTH TEAMS/SETTINGS/SERVICES IN YOUR TRUST/HEALTH BOARD – If you have more than one community or mental health team/setting/service in your Trust/Health Board, we would like you to return data for each team/setting/service that cares for babies, children, and young people (aged 0-17). Please include teams/settings/services that also provide healthcare support to people outside of the age range (18 year olds, 19 year olds, adults), if they also provide support to 0-17 year olds.

I would appreciate if you could provide your response using the Excel spreadsheet provided.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients requested for part of question 2b due to the low number of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed.

The UHB is also withholding the number of staff working within individual teams at specific locations as requested in questions 3a and 3b, due to the low number of staff members (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed and have therefore, grouped the data. This decision has been made as it is not within the reasonable expectations of these individuals that their work location would be put into the public domain. This information is classed as personal data of a third party.

Therefore, these details are being withheld in accordance with the exemptions set out in section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), and by virtue of section 40(3)(a) of the FoIA, which permits a public authority to withhold details pertaining to identifiable information and personal data other than the requestor's where the disclosure would breach Data Protection principles.

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 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 DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that 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.

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance and provides the accessible information it holds, within Attachment 1.

