

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.11079.23
<b>Subject:</b>	Eating Disorder (ED) inpatients
<b>Date of Request:</b>	20 February 2023

**Requested:**

This request relates to inpatient admissions to your NHS board with a primary or secondary diagnosis of an eating disorder (please include all eating disorders - i.e. ICD10 code F50 - Eating Disorders).

1. Please state the number of inpatients with an eating disorder diagnosis that were discharged from your board in:
  - a. 2018
  - b. 2019
  - c. 2020
  - d. 2021
  - e. 2022
  - f. Total (1 Jan 2018 to 31 Dec 2022)
  
2. Please break down the yearly totals above by inpatient BMI at time of discharge in the following categories:
  - i. BMI > 18.5
  - ii. BMI 17-18.5
  - iii. BMI 16-16.99
  - iv. BMI 15-15.99
  - v. BMI <15kg

For ease, I have created a table template that can be completed. Please also find it attached.

Number of inpatients with a diagnosed eating disorder that were discharged from your board, by BMI at time of discharge:						
	Q1	Q2.i	Q2.ii	Q2.iii	Q2.iv	Q2.v
	Total discharged	BMI > 18.5	BMI 17-18.5	BMI 16-16.99	BMI 15-15.99	BMI <15kg
2018						
2019						
2020						
2021						
2022						
Total (1 Jan 2018 to 31 Dec 2022)						

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested for question 2, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate limit" represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with a patient's Body Mass Index (BMI), the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all ED patient records, to identify the information that fulfils your request, as this information is not recorded centrally. However, the UHB can confirm that there were three hundred and thirty four (334) inpatients diagnosed with an ED, during the period 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2022.

Therefore, to provide you with the exact information being requested, conducting the search would far exceed the 'appropriate limit', costing the UHB the following:

334 @ 15 minutes per item = 83.5 hours  
83.5 hours @ £25 per hour = £2,087.50

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), 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.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, 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 FoIA. Accordingly, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds for question 1 below.

1. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of inpatients discharged after being diagnosed with an ED, as was recorded on the UHB's Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS), during the 2018 to 2022 calendar years.

<b>Calendar year</b>	<b>Number</b>
2018	33
2019	48
2020	63
2021	94
2022	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>334</b>