

Reference:	FOI.5867.21
Subject:	Eating disorders on paediatric and general wards
Date of Request:	21 April 2021

Requested:

1. Please state the name of your Hospital Trust
2. How many patients on the paediatric ward were detained under the Mental Health Act with an eating disorder diagnosis in the following financial years;
 - a. 2017/2018
 - b. 2018/2019
 - c. 2019/2020
 - d. 2020/2021
3. How many adult patients were detained on a general ward under the Mental Health Act with an eating disorder diagnosis in the following financial years;
 - a. 2017/2018
 - b. 2018/2019
 - c. 2019/2020
 - d. 2020/2021

Response:

1. The name of the Health Board is Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB).
2. & 3. The UHB is unable to provide you with the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate level" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate level" represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the requested information, the UHB would need to undertake a manual search of the records of patients that were detained under the Mental Health Act, to identify any information that fulfils your request, as this information is not recorded centrally.

There were 476 detainments under the Mental Health Act during 2018, with similar numbers for each of the other years requested. Therefore, conducting the search would far exceed the 'appropriate level', costing the UHB the following, merely in relation to one year's information:

476 @ 15 minutes per patient record = 119 hours
119 hours @ £25 per hour = £2,975.00

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.