

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.1846.19
<b>Subject:</b>	Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) treatments
<b>Date of Request:</b>	4 November 2019

**Requested:**

- 1a. Please could you provide the total number of ECT treatments provided by the health board for the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (to date).
- 1b. Please could you provide the total number of individual patients who received at least one course of ECT treatment for the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (to date).
- 2a. Please could you provide the total number of patients who voluntarily had at least one course of ECT treatment for the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (to date).
- 2b. Please could you provide the total number of patients who had at least one course of ECT treatment under a Section 2 Order for the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (to date).
- 2c. Please could you provide the total number of patients who had at least one course of ECT treatment under a Section 3 Order for the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (to date).
- 2d. Please could you provide the total number of patients who had at least one course of ECT treatment without giving consent because they were deemed to be "lacking capacity" to for the following years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (to date).

**Response:**

1a. The table below provides the total number of ECT treatments delivered by Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) during the requested calendar years.

<b>Year</b>	<b>ECT Treatments</b>
<b>2015</b>	430
<b>2016</b>	403
<b>2017</b>	345
<b>2018</b>	462
<b>2019 (to 11/11/19)</b>	348

1b. The table below provides the number of patients who received at least one course of ECT treatment during the requested calendar years.

Year	Patients
2015	49
2016	42
2017	27
2018	34
2019 (to 11/11/19)	27

2a. The table below provides the number of patients who voluntarily received at least one course of ECT treatment during the requested calendar years.

Year	Patients
2015	32
2016	25
2017	17
2018	17
2019 (to 11/11/19)	16

2b. The table below provides the total number of patients who had at least one course of ECT treatment under a Section 2 Order during the requested calendar years.

Year	Patients
2015	6
2016	*
2017	*
2018	*
2019 (to 11/11/19)	0

2c. The table below provides the number of patients who had at least one course of ECT treatment under a Section 3 Order during the requested calendar years.

Year	Patients
2015	32
2016	24
2017	11
2018	11
2019 (to 11/11/19)	9

2d. The table below provides the number of patients who had at least one course of ECT treatment without giving consent because they were deemed to be "*lacking capacity*" during the requested calendar years.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Patients</b>
<b>2015</b>	27
<b>2016</b>	22
<b>2017</b>	11
<b>2018</b>	9
<b>2019 (to 11/11/19)</b>	9

Where the figures in question 2b have been replaced with an asterisk (\*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number due to the low numbers of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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.