

Reference:	FOI.20548.26
Subject:	Hospital admissions
Date of Request:	28 May 2026

Requested:

For the period from 1 January 2023 to the most recent date available, please provide:

1. The total number of inpatient admissions where the patient was recorded as being in custody or transferred from a HM Prison Service establishment.
2. For each admission, or in aggregate if individual records cannot be provided:
 - a. The patient's recorded gender
 - b. The patient's recorded ethnicity
 - c. The primary diagnosis or reason for admission, recorded by ICD-10 code or category
 - d. The specialty or department to which the patient was admitted (e.g. emergency medicine, general surgery, cardiology)

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that thirteen (13) patients were recorded as having been admitted to a UHB hospital from police custody or transferred from a HM Prison Service, on the UHB's Welsh Patient Administration system (WPAS), during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 May 2026.

2a. The UHB provides within the table overleaf, a breakdown of the inpatients identified in response to question 1, by gender, as recorded on WPAS, during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 May 2026.

Gender	Number
Female	6
Male	7

2b. The UHB provides within the table below, a breakdown of the inpatients identified in response to question 1, by ethnicity, as recorded on WPAS, during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 May 2026.

Ethnicity	Number
White	8
Not stated	5

2c. The UHB is unable to provide the primary diagnosis requested, due to the low number of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. Therefore, the UHB is withholding these details under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/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 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.

2d. The UHB provides within the table below, the specialties the inpatients were admitted to, as recorded on WPAS, during the period 1 January 2023 to 31 May 2026.

Specialty
Adult Mental Illness
Forensic Psychiatry
General Medicine
Geriatric Medicine
Trauma and Orthopaedics
Well Babies