

Reference:	FOI.19369.26
Subject:	Information sharing
Date of Request:	21 January 2026

Requested:

I request disclosure of the following:

1. All policies, procedures or protocols governing information sharing between CAMHs Carmarthen and the National Crime Agency;
2. Legal advice, statutory guidance or memoranda setting out the legal basis for disclosure to the NCA;
3. Copies of template agreements or data sharing arrangements with the NCA or other law enforcement bodies;
4. Records of any occasions since 2015 in which the CAMHs has shared patient information with the NCA, anonymised as required.

If any exemption is relied upon, please specify the exemption and provide the public interest test.

Response:

1. - 3. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information requested, as it does not have documentation specifically relating to information sharing between the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and the National Crime Agency (NCA). The UHB adheres to the Welsh Government (WG) Wales Accord on the Sharing of Personal Information (WASPI) in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) legislation, which mandate secure, lawful, and accountable data processing.

For ease, links to the WG WASPI webpage and the UK GDPR and DPA legislation have been provided below.

[WASPI Home - Welsh Accord on Sharing of Personal Information](#)

[Regulation \(EU\) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data \(United Kingdom General Data Protection Regulation\) \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#)

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Additionally, the UHB provides a copy of Policy 1042 - Information Sharing Protocol for the Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Adults-at-risk within the Mid and West Wales region, at Attachment 1.

4. The UHB can neither confirm nor deny whether the requested information is held, as in accordance with Section 40(5B)(a)(i) and (ii) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), to confirm or deny information of this nature would be to disclose the personal data of a third party which would contravene data protection principle (a).

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.