

Reference:	FOI.21325 & 21326.26
Subject:	Inpatient beds and delayed discharge
Date of Request:	13 August 2026

Requested:

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1. Cost per bed day – general inpatient bed

Please provide the most recent cost per occupied bed day, bed night or closest equivalent metric held for a general/acute inpatient bed, including:

- the cost figure;
- the financial year to which the figure relates; and
- whether it is an average across sites and specialties or calculated on another basis.

2. If the Health Board does not hold a specific cost per occupied bed day or bed night, please provide the closest equivalent measure held, such as a cost per inpatient day, reference cost or unit cost, and explain what that measure represents.

Cost per bed day – mental health inpatient bed

3. Please provide the most recent cost per occupied bed day, bed night or closest equivalent metric held for a mental health inpatient bed, including:

- a. the cost figure;
- b. the financial year to which it relates; and
- c. any breakdown held by service type, such as adult acute, psychiatric intensive care unit, older adult or children and adolescent mental health services.

4. If the Health Board does not hold a specific cost per occupied bed day or bed night, please provide the closest equivalent measure held and explain what that measure represents.

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Unless otherwise stated, please provide the data for the following five completed financial years:

- 2020/21
- 2021/22
- 2022/23
- 2023/24
- 2024/25

Please provide the data broken down by financial year and, where possible, by hospital site. Where a breakdown is not available, please provide the totals held and explain any limitations.

5. Hospital admissions – people experiencing homelessness

For each financial year, please provide the number of inpatient admissions (spells) where the patient was recorded at the time of admission as:

- a. experiencing homelessness;
- b. living in temporary accommodation (if this is recorded as a separate category).

6. Delayed discharges attributable to homelessness – bed days

For each financial year, please provide:

- a. the total number of delayed discharge bed days where the reason for delay was recorded as homelessness or housing-related (or equivalent).

7. Delayed discharges attributable to homelessness – mental health wards

For each financial year, please provide the same information as in question 2, but restricted to mental health inpatient wards/units, including:

- a. the total number of delayed discharge bed days attributable to homelessness or housing-related reasons.

If housing status is recorded at discharge rather than admission, please provide the data held and specify the point in time.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all the information requested for questions 6 and 7, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” 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.

The UHB does not hold a central record of Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC) for the 2020/21 to 2022/23 financial years. This is, in part, due to Welsh Government (WG) suspending the reporting of DTOC for the 2020/21 financial year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, in order to provide you with all the information requested for the remainder of these financial years, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of patient records to identify any information that may fulfil this part of your request.

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, this can include assisting a requestor to further refine their request.

Unfortunately, the UHB is unable to provide advice on how you can refine your request further. This is due to the UHB still requiring a manual trawl of all patient records for the 2020/21 to 2022/23 financial years to be undertaken, to identify any information that would fulfil your request.

1. The UHB provides within the table below, the cost of a general inpatient bed, per day, which includes direct and indirect clinical costs and corporate overhead costs, by hospital and specialty, for the 2024/25 financial year (the most recent costs available).

Hospital	Specialty	Cost per day
Bronglais General Hospital (BGH)	Maternity	£3,485.22
	Medical	£808.58
	Surgical	£1,068.68
Glangwili General Hospital (GGH)	Maternity	£1,797.10
	Medical	£694.08
	Surgical	£842.38
Prince Philip Hospital (PPH)	Medical	£648.58
	Surgical	£1,918.30
Withybush General Hospital (WGH)	Medical	£651.78
	Surgical	£943.95

2. Not applicable.

3. The UHB provides within the table below, the cost of a Mental Health (MH) inpatient bed, per day, which includes direct and indirect clinical costs and corporate overhead costs, by hospital and specialty, for the 2024/25 financial year.

Hospital	Specialty	Cost per day
BGH	Mental illness	£506.63
GGH	Mental illness	£509.00
Hafan Derwen	Child and adolescent psychiatry	£906.66
	Learning Disabilities	£781.77
	Low secure forensic psychiatry	£478.95
	Mental illness	£824.67
	Old age psychiatry	£732.40

4. Not applicable.

5. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of inpatients that were recorded as homeless and the number living in temporary accommodation at their time of discharge, during the 2020/21 to 2024/25 financial years.

Financial year	a. Number - homeless	b. Number - temporary accommodation
2021/22	26	490
2022/23	29	710
2023/24	36	713
2024/25	30	765

6. & 7. An exemption under Section 12 of the FoIA has been applied. Under Section 16, the UHB can confirm that data related to DTOC is available on the Welsh Government Stats Wales website, for the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years.

A link to the relevant webpage is provided below.

[Delayed hospital discharges: total pathway of care delays and total days delayed, April 2023 onwards | StatsWales](#)

Furthermore, the UHB works in partnership with the Local Authorities (LAs) who may hold additional information to assist your further with this part of your request.

We therefore recommend that you contact the Freedom of Information Teams within each LA in the UHB's footprint, who may be able to help you with your enquiry. For ease, their contact details are set out below:-

Information & Data Protection Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP or by email foia@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Complaints & Freedom of Information Team, Ceredigion County Council, Canolfan Rheidol, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3UE or by email foi@ceredigion.gov.uk

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