

Reference:	FOI.9543.22
Subject:	Mental Health Crisis Team (MHCT)
Date of Request:	10 August 2022

Requested:

1. How many people contacted the Mental Health Crisis Team each month for the last five years
2. What is the average treatment time from the Crisis Team before being discharged?
3. How many of those discharges in the past five years contacted the Crisis Team requesting help again?
4. How many of those discharges committed suicide?

I would like the information from Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion.

Clarified

Could I please receive the information for both adults and children?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested for question 3, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (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.

In order to provide you with all of the requested information, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) records, for the financial years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20, to identify the information that fulfils this part of your request, as this information is not recorded centrally.

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.

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 FoIA. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds below.

1. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of adults referred to the MHCT and the number of Children and Young people (CYP) that have been referred to the CAMHS, by month, during the financial years 2017/18 to 2021/22.

	2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22	
Month	Adult	CYP	Adult	CYP	Adult	CYP	Adult	CYP	Adult	CYP
April	283	16	355	26	389	41	240	20	304	44

May	291	27	415	29	396	50	319	17	326	45
June	297	23	368	27	394	42	339	27	292	40
July	354	21	389	25	385	31	298	27	303	40
August	352	13	417	20	344	25	217	16	304	23
September	303	20	347	30	374	38	173	27	279	42
October	357	22	402	25	409	83	287	34	304	27
November	351	22	352	36	380	60	260	38	277	61
December	338	24	341	38	310	32	247	37	231	42
January	384	25	429	34	376	32	236	36	262	40
February	270	17	368	31	383	40	232	29	284	43
March	362	31	388	32	339	29	240	42	302	56

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the average time in days from treatment to discharge for adults in MHCT and CYP in CAMHS, during the financial years 2017/18 to 2021/22.

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
MHCT	6.5 days	6.7 days	6.8 days	6.3 days	5.2 days
CAMHS	3.7 days	7.6 days	6.2 days	9.2 days	7.3 days

3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of discharges for adults in MHCT and CYP in CAMHS that have requested additional help or been re-referred to the Services, during the financial years 2017/18 to 2021/22.

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
MHCT	1,203	901	681	342	259
CAMHS	Section 12 exemption applied			89	58

4. The UHB regrets to inform you that it does not hold the requested information.

However, the UHB's Mental Health Directorate contributes to the national picture relating to suicides utilising the National Confidential Inquiry into Suicides (NCISH) data/audit collection. The National study collates data for all Health Boards across the United Kingdom and is broken down by country, region, and health board. Although, due to the depth and size of the study, the data does not always include the most recent years data.

For ease of reference, the UHB has attached a link to the NCISH website below.

[NCISH | Reports - NCISH \(manchester.ac.uk\)](https://www.ncish.manchester.ac.uk/Reports)