

Reference:	FOI.3542.20
Subject:	Mental health drugs
Date of Request:	10 July 2020

Requested:

1. How many patients within your Health Board were treated after taking an overdose of mental health medication (due to misuse) e.g benzodiazepines such as Xanax/Alprazolam (or fake Xanax), Valium/Diazepam, Klonopin/Clonazepam.
 - a. 2016
 - b. 2017
 - c. 2018
 - d. 2019
 - e. 2020 to current date (monthly figures please)

2. How many deaths occurred within your Health Board as a result of taking an overdose/misusing mental health medications e.g. benzodiazepines such as Xanax/Alprazolam (or fake Xanax), Valium/Diazepam, Klonopin/Clonazepam.
 - a. 2016
 - b. 2017
 - c. 2018
 - d. 2019
 - e. 2020 to current date (monthly figures please)

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate level” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate level” 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 the requested information, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of patient records across all of the UHB’s Accident and Emergency (A&E) departments, subsequent record of admission to identify any information that fulfils your request.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), 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.

Under section 16 of the FOI, 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 FOI and therefore can provide you with some of the information requested.

The UHB provides, within the table below, the total number of attendances at the UHB's A&E departments where the diagnoses identified include overdose and drug abuse. These figures have been broken down by calendar year for the periods requested.

Calendar year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020 to date
Total	12	13	22	26	15

The UHB confirms no deaths were linked to these attendances.