

Reference:	FOI.9565.22
Subject:	Mental Health (MH)
Date of Request:	4 August 2022

Requested:

Please could you provide the following information?:

1. The total number of adults in mental health facilities;
2. The total number of autistic adults in mental health facilities;
3. The number of autistic adults who have been in mental health facilities for a year or more;
4. And, the longest time that an autistic adult has been in mental health facilities.

Please could you also provide the above information separately for under-18s.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table overleaf, the information requested for both adults and those under eighteen (18) years of age.

	Response	Adults	Under 18
1	Number of people in MH facilities	96 – plus 10 out on leave	*
2	Number of autistic people in MH facility	*	0
3	Number of autistic people that have been in a MH facility for one (1) year and over	*	0
4	The longest time in days, an autistic person has spent in MH facilities	2,068	0

Please note:- The patients included in the response for question 2 have not been diagnosed with autism as a primary diagnosis.

Where the figures in the tables have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact numbers, due to the low number of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the FoIA.

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 and the 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 6 and 9 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 Data Protection Act 2018/UK GDPR define personal data as data which 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.