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**Requested**

Please can you tell me the number of your mental health patients that have committed, or who are suspected of committing, a homicide by date, for each of the calendar years 2013 – 2018 inclusive?

By '*homicide*' I mean murder, manslaughter, infanticide, or causing death by dangerous driving.

By '*patient*' I mean both community and in-patients who are either current patients or who have had contact with the trust within six months of the offence.

By '*suspected of committing a homicide*' I mean charged by the Police or found unfit to plead where legal proceedings have not yet been completed, or, where a patient has taken their own life after apparently killing someone else.

Just to be clear I am NOT requesting any personal data. I am interested in the statistics over time and at different times of the year.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all the information requested, due the low numbers and the potential risk of identifying individuals.

The UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number due to the low numbers of cases (less than 5), 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 Freedom of Information Act 2000.

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 (GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles 6 and 9 of the 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/General Data Protection Regulations 2016 defines 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.