

Reference:	FOI.3091.20
Subject:	Mental Health placements
Date of Request:	4 May 2020

Requested:

I write regarding a Freedom of Information request on mental health placements in Wales. As a result, I would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

1. How many people are currently placed in a Mental Health placement outside of Wales (split into adult mental health and CAMHS)?
2. How many people are currently placed in a Mental Health placement within Wales (split into adult mental health and CAMHS)?
3. How many people have been in a residential unit for longer than 12 months (split into adult mental health and CAMHS)?
4. How many patients are residing in specialist mental health facilities provided by the Priory Group?
5. How much has the Priory Group received in payments in the years 2018-19 and 2019-20?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide the exact number of patients for question 4 or for where the numbers in the tables have been replaced with an asterisk (*), due to the low numbers 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 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.

1. The UHB, provides within the table below, the number of people currently placed in a mental health placement outside of Wales, broken down as requested.

Service	Number
Adult Mental Health	10
Child and Adolescent Mental Health	*

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of people currently placed in a mental health placement within Wales, broken down as requested.

Service	Number
Adult Mental Health	245
Child and Adolescent Mental Health	*

3. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of people that have been in a residential unit for longer than twelve (12) months, broken down as requested.

Service	Number
Adult Mental Health	12
Child and Adolescent Mental Health	6

4. Section 40(2), please see explanation provided above.

5. The UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the costs received by Priory Group received for the financial years requested.

Financial year	Cost
2017/18	£652,752.86
2018/19	£478,382.33