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Subject:	Mental Health prescriptions for men
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Requested:

1. The number of men diagnosed with mental health issues from 2009-2019.
2. The types of mental health issues diagnosed in men from 2009-2019.
3. The number of prescriptions given for mental health issues in men from 2009-2019.
4. A breakdown by age of men diagnosed for mental health issues from 2009-2019
5. The numbers of men who have received treatment and are no longer being given medication for a mental health problem from 2009-2019.
6. The numbers of men who have received treatment and are still being given medication for a mental health problem from 2009-2019.

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 information being requested, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all mental health patient records and pharmaceutical records from 2009 to 2019 to identify any information that fulfils your request.

Therefore, the UHB is applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, 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.