

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.7600.21
<b>Subject:</b>	Mental Health rehabilitation wards
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**Requested:**

I would like to ask for information for only locked mental health rehabilitation wards, rather than all forms of mental health rehabilitation ward.

1. How many patients were sent to locked mental health rehabilitation wards in:
  - i) 2018/19
  - ii) 2019/20
  - iii) 2020/21
  
2. Of those in question 1, how many were out-of-area placements. Please given the data broken down by the following years:
  - i) 2018/19
  - ii) 2019/20
  - iii) 2020/21

Please understand an “out-of-area placement” to be where a patient has been admitted to a mental health rehabilitation ward that does not form part of the usual local network of services.

3. Of your patients currently placed within locked mental health rehabilitation wards, how many have been on their current ward for longer than 12 months?
  
4. Of those in answer 3, how many of the patients are:
  - i) On wards run by the independent sector
  - ii) On wards run by the NHS
  - iii) On out-of-area placements

If retrieving the information for question 5 and 6 exceeds the appropriate limit for the FOI, please answer only questions 1 to 4.

5. Of those in answer 3, what is the longest length of time, in days, a patient has remained on their current ward?
  
6. Is the patient in answer 5 on a ward run by the NHS or independent sector?

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table below, the number of active placements in locked Mental Health (MH) rehabilitation wards, as at 31 March for each financial year requested.

Financial year	Active placements
2018/19	12
2019/20	6
2020/21	5

2. The UHB confirms it does not have any MH rehabilitation wards; therefore, all of the placement numbers provided in question 1 are placed with out of area providers in the Private Sector.
3. The UHB confirms that there are currently six (6) patients placed within locked MH rehabilitation wards for longer than twelve (12) months.
4. As confirmed within our response to question 2, all patients are currently placed with the independent sector.
5. The UHB is unable to provide you with the information requested, as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. Providing a breakdown of the placements and the longest length of time a patient has remained on their current ward could risk patient identification.

Therefore, the UHB is 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 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.

6. The UHB can confirm that the patient with the longest length of time that has remained on a locked MH ward is managed by the Independent Sector.