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Requested:

Nationally Reportable Incidents; Death of a Patient known to Mental Health Services

Could you please provide the annual figures your HB has reported for the above NRI.

I am not sure how easy it is to go back further but from FY 2014 if that is possible.

If any years have less than 5 cases, could you combine with the following years figures, so we have an accurate total at the end.

I appreciate Categorisation of this FOI may have changed recently.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, including those identified as priority, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the “appropriate limit” as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The “appropriate limit” represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the data requested for the 2014/15 to 2020/21 financial years, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of each incident record. These would then need to be scrutinised and cross referenced with the patient’s medical record, to identify if the patient was known to our Mental Health Service (MHS), as this data was not captured within the UHB’s previous Datix incident reporting system and is consequently not easily accessible.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), 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.

However, under section 16 of the FoIA, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds overleaf.

The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of Nationally Reportable Incidents; Death of a Patient known to Mental Health Services, as recorded on the UHB’s RLDatix system and reported to the NHS Wales Executive, during the 2021/22 to 2023/24 financial years. The figures for the 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years have been aggregated as requested, due to the low number of cases, (5 and under).

Financial year	Number
2021/22 & 2022/23	21
2023/24	24

