

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.19878.26
<b>Subject:</b>	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) diagnosis in children
<b>Date of Request:</b>	10 March 2026

**Requested:**

1. Would it be possible, if the data even exists, to supply the number of NEW Wales cases by year for 2021-25 seen by psychiatrists/psychologists/paediatricians in children aged between 5-9; 10-14 years old.
2. Would you have FCE for OP/IP for this condition? Appreciate FCE may not represent single individual patients but consultant paediatric episodes.

\*This would be primary OCD, not children with autism, ADHD etc with OCD traits. The code is ICD10 code would be paediatric OCD F42- F42.9

**Clarified:**

Could you let me know OCD diagnosis in children using the OCD 10 code F42.0-42.9.

I am presuming FCE will be coded as such. I am aware from others with regards this inquiry that outpatient data may not be available.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold information for all Health Boards in NHS Wales and is therefore unable to provide you with all the information requested. The UHB can only provide the information it holds.

Therefore, you would need to request the additional information from the Freedom of Information Teams in each individual Health Board. Details on the Health Boards in Wales and contact details for each of them can be found via the following link:

[Local Services - NHS Wales](#)

However, the 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 limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (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.

The UHB does not code community referrals and contacts. Therefore, in order to provide you with the information requested, the UHB would be required to undertake a manual trawl of all Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (sCAMHS) patient records, for the requested periods, to identify any information that would fulfil your request, as this information is not recorded centrally.

The UHB can confirm that its sCAMHS service received two thousand, four hundred and twenty-five (2,425) referrals during the 2024/25 financial year alone. It is estimated that a manual search of these records would exceed the 18 hours stipulated within the Freedom of Information Act 2000

(FoIA). Based on the number of records identified, conducting a search, taking a minimum of five (5) minutes per record, would far exceed the 'appropriate limit' costing the UHB the following:

2,425 @ minutes per record = 202 hours and 5 minutes  
202 hours and 5 minutes @ £25 per hour = £5,052.00

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the 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, we are required as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable to individuals who have made a request under the FoIA, this can include assisting a requestor to further refine their request.

Unfortunately, the UHB is unable to provide advice on how you can refine your request further. This is due to the UHB still requiring a manual trawl of patient records to be undertaken to identify any information requested.

The UHB can confirm that a search of admissions to Mental Health Wards has been undertaken and can confirm that none relate to the ICD-10 codes requested.