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**Requested:**

Specifically, I would like to know the current total of out-of-area (OOA) placements in mental health residential care for adults aged under 65 years, as of February 29<sup>th</sup> or the latest data you have available.

Mental health refers to a patient occupying a place in a residential care (i.e. care home) setting for a mental health condition such as Schizophrenia, an eating disorder, a personality disorder or other complex mental health conditions.

To be specific, I am classifying out-of-area (OOA) placements as the total number of patients who belong to your Health Board but are currently receiving care in a residential care setting that is located in a different Health Board but are ultimately funded by your Health Board.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that alongside Local Authority partners, twenty-six (26) Mental Health out of area placements for adults aged 65 years and under were jointly funded, as at 29 February 2024.