

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.8066.22
<b>Subject:</b>	Patients with Autism and Learning Disabilities in inpatient care
<b>Date of Request:</b>	26 January 2022

**Requested:**

We're looking for data on the number of people with autism and learning disabilities in inpatient care in Wales. Right now, and year on year since 2015 ideally.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested broken down by the calendar years 2015 to 2021, due to the low number of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

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.

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the number of patients with autism and Learning Disabilities, by the grouped calendar years of 2015 to 2018 and 2019 to 31 January 2022.

Years	Number
2015 – 2018	6
2019 - 2022	7

Additionally, the Patient Episode Database for Wales (PEDW), relating to hospital admissions in Wales may be of use to you, the link for which has been included below:

<https://nwis.nhs.wales/information-services/health-intelligence/pedw-data-online/>