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<b>Subject:</b>	Psychedelic substances
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**Requested:**

1. How many times 'microdosing' psychedelic substances was included as a reason for admissions to your hospitals in 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date.
2. How many times the consumption of psychedelic substances in any quantity was included as a reason for admissions to your hospitals in 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date.

Such substances include but are not limited to:

- Magic Mushrooms (e.g. Psilocybin)
- MDMA
- LSD
- DMT
- Ayahuasca (e.g. Harmaline)
- Salvia

Please break this down by drug, year and patient age.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the data exactly as requested, due to the low number of cases (5 and under), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. Therefore, the UHB is withholding these details under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that 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 can confirm that seven (7) patients have been admitted to hospital with a diagnosis recorded on the UHB's Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) as Poisoning: Other and unspecified narcotics including DMT, Ayahuasca & Salvia, for the combined period of 1 January 2022 to 24 April 2024.