

Reference:	FOI.219.19
Subject:	Social workers employed within mental health services
Date of Request:	27 February 2019

Requested

For the purposes of this request, the following definitions should be applied:

Social worker - Employee in a post requiring a professional qualification where that qualification is recorded as social worker OR employee in a non-qualified post who holds a professional qualification recorded as social worker

Mental health provision - A service or role where service user eligibility is based upon mental health need

1. Does the Local Health Board directly employ any social workers to work within mental health provision? If yes, how many? If no, please proceed to question 4
2. Does the number above include any Approved Mental Health Professionals? If yes, how many social work Approved Mental Health Professionals are employed by the Local Health Board?
3. In which of the following service areas does the Local Health Board directly employ mental health social workers (please provide numbers for each area or, if unable to do so, please provide a total figure in the 'other' box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | CAMHS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Early Intervention in Psychosis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Working Age Adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Older Adults |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Forensic Mental Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Inpatient services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify): |

4. Are any mental health services provided by the Local Health Board commissioned from a third party provider? If yes, which services are externally commissioned?
5. Date information compiled:
6. Contact details for final report:

Clarification

If you have the information recorded, it would be useful to get both (both social workers employed to work as frontline social workers, and social workers employed to work in other capacities provided this is still linked to the provision of mental health services).

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has two mental health practitioners whose core qualification is social work, one is working in the Early Intervention Psychosis Service and one within Systemic Psychotherapy. The UHB is currently recruiting for three social workers to work as Social Work Practitioners within S-CAMHS.
2. No, the figures provided in question one do not include approved mental health professionals.
3. Please see response to question 1.
4. The UHB commissions a range services from external providers including:
 - Low secure hospital placements
 - Locked rehabilitation inpatient services
 - Residential & Nursing Care
 - Supported Living
 - Domiciliary Care / Community Support
 - Day Services (Private & Local Authority)
 - Residential schools and colleges
 - Respite
5. The information is provided as at 31 March 2019.
6. Any further correspondence should be submitted to the Freedom of Information officer on FOI.HywelDda@wales.nhs.uk who will be responsible for bringing it to the attention of the appropriate contact.