

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.2636.20
<b>Subject:</b>	Specialist mental health and learning disability inpatient care for children and young people
<b>Date of Request:</b>	3 March 2020

**Requested:**

I am writing to request information on spend associated with specialist mental health and learning disability inpatient care for children and young people, aged under 25, for whom your organisation is responsible for securing healthcare. (This would generally include all children and young people aged under 25 who are considered 'usually resident' in your organisation's area.)

This would include care provided in secure/forensic settings, and in non-secure settings. This would include recovery, rehabilitation and residential services that would commonly be referred to as 'specialist inpatient', or 'Tier 4' in the context of CAMHS. This would include 'locked' units.

This would not include community or other daycase services. This would not include, for example, commissioning a third sector organisation to provide a community counselling service. This would not generally include a residential placement in a specialist college for people with learning disabilities. This would not include care that your own organisation has provided, even if you have internal budgets and billing processes.

If you are uncertain of the scope of this request, I would be grateful if you could clarify it before attempting a formal response. If you believe that you would be better able to respond to the request if it were slightly altered, again I would be grateful if you could discuss this with us before attempting a formal response.

You are welcome to provide further details about how you have interpreted the request.

For each of the following four patient groups:

- Men and boys aged under 18
- Women and girls aged under 18
- Men and boys aged 18-25, inclusive
- Women and girls aged 18-25, inclusive please could you provide:

1. Spend in an XLSX or CSV file with the following rows:

- Total spend,
- Spend to other NHS Wales organisations (e.g. a Welsh Health Board)
- Spend to NHS/HSCNI organisations elsewhere in the UK (e.g. an English NHS Trust)
- Spend to charitable ('third sector') providers (e.g. Mencap, Hafal)
- Spend to private, non-charitable, providers (e.g. Cygnet Health Care, Priory Group)
- Spend to Cygnet Health Care
- Spend to Priory Group
- Spend to Regis Healthcare
- Spend to St Andrew's Healthcare
- Spend to The Huntercombe Group
- Spend to Elysium Healthcare
- and seven columns for each financial year from 2012/13 to 2018/19, inclusive.

2. The number of patients who were the subject of this spend in an XLSX or CSV file with the following rows:
- Total number of patients,
  - Number of patients placed in other NHS Wales organisations (e.g. a Welsh Health Board)
  - Number of patients placed in NHS/HSCNI organisations elsewhere in the UK (e.g. an English NHS Trust)
  - Number of patients placed in charitable ('third sector') providers (e.g. Mencap, Hafal)
  - Number of patients placed in private, non-charitable, providers (e.g. Cygnet Health Care, Priory Group)
  - Number of patients placed with Cygnet Health Care
  - Number of patients placed with Priory Group
  - Number of patients placed with Regis Healthcare
  - Number of patients placed with St Andrew's Healthcare
  - Number of patients placed with The Huntercombe Group
  - Number of patients placed with Elysium Healthcare and seven columns for each financial year from 2012/13 to 2018/19, inclusive.

This should be the number of patients placed at any point in each financial year. I understand that some individuals might be placed in different providers at different points in the year.

Your response is therefore expected to include eight tables in total:  
Two tables (spend, number of patients) for each of the four patient groups.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the information requested for question 1 within an Excel spreadsheet, Attachment 1.

The UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients requested for question 2 due to the low numbers 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. 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 defines 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.