

Reference:	FOI.5719.21
Subject:	Tier 4 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service inpatient referrals
Date of Request:	31 March 2021

Requested:

I would like to make a Freedom of Information request regarding referrals and waiting lists of children (0-17 years old) with eating disorders to a Tier 4 specialist inpatient unit.

Please can you tell me:

1. The name of your Trust or Health Board?
2. How many referrals to Tier 4 CAMHS inpatient units for eating disorders did you have in the following financial years
 - a. April 2020 - March 2021
 - b. April 2019 - March 2020
3. Can you break down the answers for Q2, a and b, by age 0-17
4. Do you have a Tier 4 under 13s mental health inpatient unit?
Yes
No
N/A
5. How many children were on the waiting list for a bed in a specialised unit in the following financial years, and if you are able to please break this down monthly (this can be a monthly average)
 - a. April 2020 - March 2021
 - b. April 2019 - March 2020
6. Can you please provide the highest figure at any given point during the year of those on the waiting list for a bed in a specialist inpatient unit and the lowest figure at any given point during the year, and when they were if possible.
 - a. April 2020 - March 2021
 - b. April 2019 - March 2020

Response:

1. The name of the Health Board is Hywel Dda University Health Board.
2. & 3. The UHB is unable to provide you with the number of referrals to Tier 4 CAMHS inpatient units for eating disorders, or broken down by age, 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.

4. The UHB confirms that it does not have a Tier 4 under 13s mental health inpatient unit. However, the UHB does commission a Tier 4 service, provided in Ty Llidiard, Bridgend for children aged eleven (11) years and over.
5. & 6. The UHB confirms that no children were on the waiting list for a bed in a specialised unit, during the financial years requested. Therefore, should a child be put on the waiting list for a bed in a specialist inpatient unit, the waiting time would be less than a month. Furthermore, the wait time would be reduced should urgent care be required.