

Reference:	FOI.
Subject:	Transfers of mental health patients outside of Wales
Date of Request:	26 September 2022

Requested:

1. How many mental health patients were transferred outside of your health board boundaries for treatment between 2017-18 and 2021-22?
2. How many mental health patients were transferred to England and Scotland for treatment between 2017-18 and 2021-22?
3. Please detail the places mental health patients were transferred to in England and Scotland between 2017-18 and 2021-22 or the furthest away your board has transferred a patient to;
4. The cost of transferring patients outside of Wales between 2017-18 and 2021-22; and
5. The reasons why patients were transferred out of Wales.

Response:

1. The table overleaf provides the number of patients that were transferred outside of Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) for treatment between 2017/18 and 2021/22.

Financial year	Number
2017/18	13
2018/19	12
2019/20	9
2020/21	6
2021/22	6

2. The patients detailed within question one were all transferred to England.
3. The UHB has transferred patients to Northampton and Charlwood during the requested timeframe.
4. The UHB does not hold this information as some placements are funded by the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee.
5. All patients who were transferred to placements outside of Wales were assessed as requiring a service that was not available within Wales at that time.