

Reference:	FOI.10897.23
Subject:	Welsh Gender Service
Date of Request:	6 February 2023

Requested:

This is an information request relating to referrals to the Welsh Gender Service.

Please include the information for each of the following financial years; 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23:

- The number of patients who have been referred to the Welsh Gender Service within the remit of the health board. Of these, please also provide the following:
- The number/percentage of patients who have been referred to the Welsh Gender Service who have psychiatric comorbidities
- The number/percentage of patients that have been referred to the Welsh Gender Service who have reported self-harm, or attempts at suicide in the past

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides the information requested, within the table overleaf.

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Total referred	0	0	*	*
Referrals for psychiatric comorbidities	0	0	0	0
Referrals reporting self-harm / suicide	0	0	0	0

Where the figure in the table has been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low numbers of cases (less than 5), 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 (DPA) 2018/General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2016, 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 define 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.