

Reference:	FOI.2428.20
Subject:	Women in forensic inpatient mental health services
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Requested:

1. How many forensic inpatient mental health beds for women are provided by Hywel Dda?
2. How many women considered Hywel Dda patients are currently in NHS or independent sector low, medium and high secure forensic inpatient mental health services?
3. How many of these women are in services across the border in England?
4. How much does the Health Board spend each year on paying for women to be in out-of-area beds in forensic inpatient mental health services? If possible, could I have the spending for the most recent full financial year.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not provide any forensic inpatient mental health beds.
2. The UHB currently has seven (7) forensic mental health patients in high, medium and low secure placements. The UHB is unable to provide a breakdown of the exact number per unit type 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 (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 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.

3. The UHB is unable to provide a breakdown of the number of patients placed in secure units in England 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 (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.

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4. The UHB does not commission High or Medium Secure placements as these are funded via Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSCC) The total annual cost incurred by the UHB for Low Secure Unit placements is £361,573.56.