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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Your request sought information relating to specialist mental health and learning disability inpatient care.

**I am writing to request information on your organisation's spend on specialist mental health and learning disability inpatient care, where your organisation paid another organisation to provide this care.**

**This would include care provided in secure/forensic settings, and in non-secure settings. This would include recovery/rehabilitation/residential services that are inpatient. This would include patients placed on your behalf, but whose placement your organisation funds. If you place and fund patients on behalf of other organisations, please include these.**

**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.**

**Please could you provide 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)**



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Swansea Bay University Health Board is the operational name of Swansea Bay University Local Health Board

**Spend to private, non-charitable, providers (e.g. Cygnet Health Care, Priory Group)**

**Spend to Cygnet Health Care**

**Spend to the Priory Group and seven columns for each financial year from 2012/13 to 2018/19, inclusive.**

**Please could you also provide 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 the Priory Group 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.**

Please find below information for mental health only. We are unable to provide information in relation to Learning Disabilities, due to the way this information is recorded. Therefore to obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

Year	Total Spend	Other HB Spend	Other NHS Spend	Charitable Spend	Private Spend	Cygnet Spend
2012/13	9,913,436	0	0	0	9,913,436	596,217
2013/14	9,569,461	0	0	0	9,569,461	790,710
2014/15	10,370,575	0	0	0	10,370,575	940,319
2015/16	11,011,200	0	0	0	11,011,200	801,480
2016/17	10,716,713	0	0	0	10,716,713	713,036
2017/18	11,271,730	0	0	87,842	11,183,888	727,794
2018/19	11,568,702	0	0	247,973	11,320,729	789,321



Year	Total Patient Numbers	Other HB	Other NHS	Charitable Patient Numbers	Private Patient Numbers	Cygnnet Patient Numbers
2012/13	132	0	0	0	132	5
2013/14	146	0	0	0	146	9
2014/15	168	0	0	0	168	9
2015/16	176	0	0	0	176	9
2016/17	179	0	0	0	179	7
2017/18	191	0	0	<5	189	7
2018/19	225	0	0	<5	221	7

- Please note that Priory Group merged with Partnerships in Care during 2016 so the mapping of expenditure can be achieved on a comparable basis.
- Other NHS and Health Board spend has been deemed not to be specialist and therefore has not been included.
- Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information policy, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request please contact me directly at the address below or register your complaint via [FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk).

If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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