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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 14th October 2019. Your request sought information relating to mental health & sharing rooms. You specified that the size requirements that you were enquiring about are in relation to the recommendation that Swansea Bay's mental health team would have been given for HMOs (Houses of Multiple Occupation) as guidelines for the council's environmental health teams to follow.

- **Would there be any ill effect on someone's mental health caused by two unrelated consenting adults of the same sex sharing a room?**
Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold any policies or guidelines regarding this.

And is there any cases of this causing mental health problems on record? If so please provide information including dates.

No

- **Would a room the size of 10.44m² be adequate to ensure there are no ill effects to someone's mental health for two unrelated people sharing? (2 single beds). If not what would you say would be adequate?**
Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold any policies or guidelines regarding this.
- **Would a room measuring 11m², that is not a perfect square be and is in fact an L shape be adequate to ensure there are no ill effects to someone's mental health for two unrelated people sharing? (2 single beds). If not what would you say would be adequate?**
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- **Do you think if a room was under a measurement guideline by 0.56m² it would have an ill effect on someone's mental health?**
Swansea Bay Health Board does not hold any policies or guidelines regarding this.
- **When taking into consideration these measurements how do you determine living space? Is it different to the size of the room? I.e. would you count space that can be used to put a chest of draws or bedside table in as long as the space was part of the room and not enclosed? For example a small area of floor space that is small and set back but you can comfortably fit a bedside table there.**
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I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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