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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg ac yn y Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 24th October 2019. Your request sought information relating to mental health disorders.

Please can you provide a breakdown of the number of Welsh domiciled patients in your health board area who are receiving, or have received, permanent treatment lasting over six months for Mental Health disorders in facilities based outside of Wales for the current financial year and for each of the last five full financial years?

Please see below the information you require. Our priority is always to ensure patients receive the best possible care, treatment and support for their individual needs. On occasion, this can be outside of their health board area. Typically this could be due to geographical considerations (in the case of patients registered with GP practices along the Health Board boundaries), or the admission could be as a result of an emergency. Such circumstances are kept to a minimum and always dictated by clinical need and benefit to the patient.

2014/15 - <5

2015/16 - 5

2016/17 - <5

2017/18 - < 5

2018/19 - <5



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.

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.

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), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely

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