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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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Your request sought information relating to psychiatric units.

You clarified on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 that by "acute psychiatric patients" you are referring to adult psychiatric patients over the age of 18.

Please note the information we have provided is for calendar years 2017, 2018 and 2019.

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.

- 1. How many in-patients (acute psychiatric patients) have been admitted to units outside Wales during 2017, 2018, and up to June 2019 (or up to the latest available figures)?  
Can you separate the data by year and include the Health Board areas where patients were admitted?**



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**2017** - <5

**2018** - <5

**2019** - <5

We are unable to provide you with the level of detail you are seeking as to the health board areas to which the patients were admitted, as due to the low numbers involved there is a potential risk of identifying the individual if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under 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. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

**2. How many patients each year (2017 - 2019) were admitted for acute psychiatric care as in patients from outside your health board area? Can you separate the data by year and include the Health Board areas where patients were admitted from?**

Please see Appendix 1

**3. During 2017, 2018 and up to June 2019 (or up to the latest available figures) how many acute psychiatric in-patients were admitted into private care and the cost of this provision? Can you separate the data by year and include the Health Board areas where patients were admitted to?**

**2017** - <5

**2018** - <5

**2019** - <5

All the patients admitted were to units in England.

Due to the way that costs are recorded, we are unable to provide a breakdown per year of the cost of provision. The total cost of provision for the above patients from financial year 2017/18 projected to the end of financial year 2019/20 is £1,281,393.58.

**4. During 2017, 2018 and up to June 2019 (or up to the latest available figures) what percentage of patients at any one time were/are formally admitted for care under the Mental Health Act? Could you break the figures down to a monthly basis for each year?**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	24%	32%	32%	32%	31%	31%	37%	26%	41%	27%	45%	29%
2018	31%	33%	40%	42%	21%	30%	44%	36%	36%	47%	36%	34%



2019	27%	44%	44%	43%	35%	32%	28%	20%	41%	37%	31%	37%
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**5. Could you provide me with occupancy rates for beds (acute psychiatric wards) during 2017, 2018 and up to June 2019 (or nearest available figures)?**

**Could you break down the figures down to a monthly basis for each year?**

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2017	95%	95%	96%	94%	95%	93%	94%	98%	97%	97%	96%	95%
2018	97%	98%	95%	92%	89%	89%	92%	92%	91%	89%	82%	78%
2019	82%	83%	87%	89%	87%	81%	82%	82%	91%	91%	86%	84%

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).

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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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