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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 20th February 2020. Your request sought information relating to secure mental health units.

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.

1a) How many mental health patients under the care of the health board are currently placed with providers in England?

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1b) How many mental health patients under the care of the health board are currently placed at St Andrew's Healthcare in Northampton?

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2a) How many mental health patients under the care of the health board have been placed at St Andrew's Healthcare in Northampton within the past six months?

Nil

2b) How many mental health patients under the care of the health board have been placed at St Andrew's Healthcare in Northampton within the past year?

Nil

The following questions of course relate to patients from the health board area:

3a) In the past 10 years how many mental health patients have died while under the care of providers in England?

Nil

3b) In the past 10 years how many mental health patients have died while under the care of St Andrew's Healthcare?

Nil

4a) How many mental health patients currently placed with providers in England have been admitted to an accident and emergency department within the past year?

This information is not held centrally. 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.

4b) How many mental health patients currently placed with St Andrew's healthcare have been admitted to an accident and emergency department within the past year?

Please see question 4a.

5a) In the past three years, how much money has the health board paid to mental health care providers in England? (Please provide a breakdown for each year/ or financial year if this is how records are kept)

For financial years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 (projected to 31st March 2020) the health board will have paid £1,816,227.97 to mental health care providers in



England.

5b) In the past three years, how much money has the health board paid to St Andrew's Healthcare? (Please provide a breakdown for each year/ or financial year if this is how records are kept)

For financial years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 (projected to 31st March 2020) the health board will have paid £813,993.20 to St Andrew's Healthcare.

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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