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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 29th June 2021. Your request sought information relating to mental health patients.

Please could you provide the data in a monthly breakdown for the following years:

01 January 2019 to 31 December 2019; 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020; 01 January 2021 to latest available data.

1) The total number of people in contact with adult mental health services with accommodation statuses that indicate homelessness, such as rough sleeping, squatting, Night shelter/emergency hostel/Direct access hostel, sofa surfing, local authority temporary accommodation, staying with friends or family on a short term basis, or other homeless.

Please note that we have provided information for outpatients and admissions whose accommodation status is "no fixed abode". We do not record further detail in relation to homelessness on our systems.

Admissions

Year/Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	0
2020	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	<5	<5	<5
2021 to 07.07.21	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0



Outpatients

Year/Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	6	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
2020	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
2021 to 07.07.21	5	<5	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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.

2) The number of nurses or support workers who support patients regarding their housing while they are inpatient in a mental health unit. These could be housing officers, housing support workers, special housing nurses, or similar professions that are specialised in housing support.

All of our Mental Health staff including nurses and support workers would assist with housing. For example, if a patient presented with housing issues, the staff would offer some advice but signpost to specific housing agencies.

3) The number of nurses or support workers who support mental health patients regarding their housing while they are in the community. These could be housing officers, housing support workers, special housing

Please see question 2.

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



On behalf of



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