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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Atebir gohebiaeth Gymraeg yn y Gymraeg, ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

## **Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request** **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-H-038**

Please note that a child under the age of 18 may be admitted to an adult mental health unit for a variety of reasons. SBUHB follow the guidance of Welsh Government as detailed in section 2.8 here -

<https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-03/admissions-guidance.pdf>

The document clearly states that where possible a suitable CAMHS bed should be sought within local service provision and that access to Tier 4 CAMHS services should only be considered when:

1. There is no viable alternative to inpatient psychiatric treatment within the local provision of mental health care and all other options have been exhaustively considered.
2. Inpatient care is the least restrictive and most effective and safe option available to manage the clinical situation; and
3. The patient meets the referral criteria for the service

Therefore, the WG guidance acknowledges that there may be occasion when a young person under the age of 18yrs is admitted to an Adult Acute Inpatient ward and so directs that each HB is to have a designated emergency CAMHS bed for such a circumstance. Situations where the young person would be admitted into the CAMHS bed would be when an assessment by CAMHS professionals deems that the young person's clinical needs and presenting risks require hospital placement to keep them safe and an alternative CAMHS placement has not been/cannot be identified. The assessment may deem the young person as not suitable for Tier 4 CAMHS Services or they may be awaiting an assessment by Tier 4 services and require an admission as an interim measure while an assessment is arranged.

### **You asked:**

- 1. The number of children and young people (i.e. people aged under 18) admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward in 2018, and the duration of each admission in days.**



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We can confirm that 9 patients under the age of 18 were admitted to an Adult MH Ward in 2018.

The duration of admission in days ranged from 0 to 37 days, with the average stay being 5.55 days.

We are unable to provide you with the level of detail you are seeking as to the individual duration of admission for each patient as 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. The number of children and young people admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward in 2019, and the duration of each admission in days.**

We can confirm that 16 patients under the age of 18 were admitted to an Adult MH Ward in 2019.

The duration of admission in days ranged from 0 to 156 days, with the average stay being 17.25 days.

We are unable to provide you with the level of detail you are seeking as to the individual duration of admission for each patient as 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.

## **3. The number of children and young people admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward in 2020, and the duration of each admission in days.**

We can confirm that 11 patients under the age of 18 were admitted to an Adult MH Ward in 2020.

The duration of admission in days ranged from 1 to 7 days, with the average stay being 3.72 days.

We are unable to provide you with the level of detail you are seeking as to the individual duration of admission for each patient as 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.

## **4. The number of children and young people admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward in 2021, and the duration of each admission in days.**

We can confirm that 17 patients under the age of 18 were admitted to an Adult



MH Ward in 2021.

The duration of admission in days ranged from 0 to 14 days, with the average stay being 4.29 days.

We are unable to provide you with the level of detail you are seeking as to the individual duration of admission for each patient as 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.

**5. The number of children and young people admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward to date in 2022, and the duration of each admission in days.**

We can confirm that <5 patients under the age of 18 were admitted to an Adult MH Ward in 2022 as at 30<sup>th</sup> August.

The duration of admission in days ranged from 2 to 8 days, with the average stay being 5 days.

We are unable to provide you with the level of detail you are seeking as to the number of patients or individual duration of admission for each patient as 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.

