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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: 23-E-038**

Please note that this information is not available prior to 20th September 2021. Prior to this date a different Pharmacy system was in use that did not allow these reports to be generated. 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 and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 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.

You asked:

Please may I request the following information from your health board? For ease of collation, the information could be provided in the tables provided after each question.

- 1. The numbers total of patients who have been prescribed antidepressants in the each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 so far.**

	2018	2019	2020	From 20/09/21 - 31/12/21	2022	2023 so far
Total patients prescribed antidepressants	N/A	N/A	N/A	1779	5168	2409

- 2. The number of patients under the age of 18 who have been prescribed antidepressants in each of the same years.**



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	2018	2019	2020	From 20/09/21 - 31/12/21	2022	2023 so far
Total patients under 18 prescribed antidepressants	N/A	N/A	N/A	17	21	12

3. The total number of patients under the age of 18 prescribed each of the following types of antidepressants in each of the same years

	Under 18s 2018	Under 18s 2019	Under 18s 2020	Under 18s 2021	Under 18s 2022	Under 18s 2023 so far
SSRIs						
SNRIs						
NASSAs						
TCAs						
SARIs						
MAOIs						

I can confirm that our Pharmacy systems do not record information by "type" of antidepressant. 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 and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 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.

4. The number of patients under 18 who have been prescribed antidepressants in each of the same years, specifically as part of the treatment of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and related symptoms.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 so far
Total patients under 18 prescribed antidepressants as part of treatment for OCD						

I can confirm that our Pharmacy systems do not record information to diagnosis level. 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 and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 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.

5. The number of patients under 18 who have begun Talking Therapies ('psychotherapy') in each of the same years.



	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 so far
Total patients under 18 begun talking therapies	Nil					

I can confirm that 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 and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 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.

