

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/20/068**  
**Acute Psychiatric Patients**

**Request details**

I would like to make the following request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

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?
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?
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?
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?
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?

**Response details**

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act

request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.