

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/20/203
Mental Health Services

Request details

I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information Regulations on the number of new referrals to and discharges from mental health services in the past 12 months.

Could the numbers please be broken down by month, and please could you also include what level of care people were referred to and discharged from - primary, secondary, tertiary etc.

Response details

Please find attached the information requested.

Please note that Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied where information in the above table has been replaced with an asterisk. The UHB will not provide these exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The UHB believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, 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 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.