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Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/21/533
Mental Health Rehabilitation Wards

1. How many patients were sent to locked mental health rehabilitation wards in:

i) 2018/2019

2*

ii) 2019/2020

3*

iii) 2020/2021

9

*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 fee 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. However, under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, the UHB has been able to retrieve the above data, which represents patient numbers for all but one ward.

2. Of those in question 1, how many were out-of-area placements. Please given the data broken down by the following years: Please understand an "out-of-area placement" to be where a patient has been admitted to a mental health rehabilitation ward that does not form part of the usual local network of services.

i) 2018/19

0

ii) 2019/20

1

iii) 2020/21

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Please note, the above instance relates to a placement in the independent sector, but not necessarily one that is out-of-area.

3. Of your patients currently placed within locked mental health rehabilitation wards, how many have been on their current ward for longer than 12 months?

16

4. Of those in answer 3, how many of the patients are:

i) On wards run by the independent sector

As per Q2, one patient has been transferred by the CCC Team (Complex Care Commissioning Team) who send patients for external care dependent on the assessment of patient's care needs.

ii) On wards run by the NHS –

15

iii) On out-of-area placements

0

5. Of those in answer 3, what is the longest length of time, in days, a patient has remained on their current ward?

After considering your request, the UHB believes that the data requested is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and disclosure of precise length of stay would enable a calculation of admission date and 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. However, the UHB can confirm the longest stay is approximately six years.

6. Is the patient in answer 5 on a ward run by the NHS or independent sector?

NHS Ward

