Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/604
Welsh Gender Service

Information Requested:

Please could you provide me with the following, for just the year 2022:

1. The percentage of patients that have received surgical referrals from the Welsh Gender Service who have psychiatric comorbidities

2. The percentage of patients that have received surgical referrals from the Welsh Gender Service who have reported self-harm, or attempts at suicide in the past

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. Where appropriate and relevant, this information may be referenced in clinical letters from UHB clinicians to a GP, but this may also require cross-reference with other elements of the patient record. To retrieve this information would therefore require a manual search through individual patient records and letters 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.