

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference F01/22/006
Mental Health Wait Times

Information Requested:

I would like to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information: (please provide a breakdown from the last 2019 - present, in calendar years not fiscal.)

- 1. What is the current waiting list for Mental Health treatment for adults (from 18 upwards) at your University Health Board? (Should this be broken down into divisions / counties please provide the waiting list for each division / county).**

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

- 2. What is the current average waiting time to be seen by a Psychologist / Therapist in your Health Board? Should services be broken down into counties / divisions please provide a breakdown of the average waiting time in each county / division.)**

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.

- 3. What is the longest length of time an individual patient has waited for mental health treatment in the past three years? 2019 - Present. Please provide a breakdown for each county / division.**

Please see above.

