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University Health Board

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/025
Children Detained Under the Mental Health Act

1. For each month between and including March 2019 and December 2021, please provide the number of detentions of children (under 18) under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983.

Please see the attached.

2. The total number of individual children detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act during the following periods:

| Total number of individual children detained | |
|--|----|
| 28/02/2019 - 29/02/2020 | 6 |
| 01/03/2020 - 01/03/2021 | 14 |

3. In reference to question (1), for each detention can you provide?

- a. The month and year of the detention (MM/YYYY)

Please see the attached.

- b. The age of the child (broken down into the following bands):

- i. 0-5
- ii. 5-11
- iii. 12-15
- iv. 16-17

Please see the attached.

- c. The gender of the child

Please see the attached.

- d. The reason for detention

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





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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.

e. Was it a detention of a child looked after by a local authority (if known)?

The UHB does not hold this information.

f. Where did the detention take place:

Please see the attached.

- I. Accident and emergency department
- II. Paediatric ward
- III. A "place of safety" as defined by Section 135 of the Mental Health Act 1983
- IV. Other

Please see question 3d.

g. How long was the person detained?

Please see question 3d.

3. What is the trust's "place of safety" as required by Section 136 (and defined by Section 135) of the Mental Health Act 1983?

The UHB's main "place of safety" is the Emergency Assessment Suite (EAS) in Hafan Y Coed, University Hospital Llandough. However, A&E can be used as a "place of safety" for patients also.

