

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/519

GPs

Information Requested:

I should like to request the following information about the support provided by General Practitioners to people under the age of 18 who are experiencing mental health problems, emotional distress, or suicidal thoughts/feeling in Vale of Glamorgan, which falls within the geographical remit of your organisation. I would like to know this information to understand better the support that is available to people aged under 18 who are experiencing emotional distress and/or at risk of suicide.

Specifically, I would like to know:

- Number of people under 18 that have received support for
 1. mental health problems
 2. emotional distress, and/or
 3. suicidal thoughts/feelings from a GP in the most recent reporting period (quarter or year)
- Current waiting time to see a GP
- Organisations that GPs regularly refer under 18's to
- Organisations that GPs regularly signpost under 18's to
- How many GPs have a specialist remit covering:
 1. mental health,
 2. suicide prevention, and/or
 3. support for people under 18 who are experiencing suicidal thoughts/behaviours
- Any structured educational or awareness raising activities that GPs undertake with:
 1. people under the age of 18 in relation to mental health or emotional/psychological wellbeing
 2. professionals who have contact with people under the age of 18
- Any structure suicide prevention work that GPs undertake with people under the age of 18

For each GP in Vale of Glamorgan, I would also like to request a copy of their:

- Safeguarding policy
- Confidentiality policy
- Policy statement in relation to capacity, decision making and choice

Response details:

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information. Under Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that General Practitioners operate as independent contractors and would be better placed to respond individually in relation to the services they offer.