

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/086
Welsh Gender Service

Information Requested:

This is an information request relating to referrals to the Welsh Gender Service.

Please include the information for each of the following financial years; 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23

- **The number of patients who have been referred to the Welsh Gender Service within the remit of the health board.**
 - 2019-2020 – 200
 - 2020-2021 – 206
 - 2021-2022 – 284
 - 2022-2023 – 274

Of these, please also provide the following:

- **The number/percentage of patients who have been referred to the Welsh Gender Service who have psychiatric comorbidities**

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 patient 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.

- **The number/percentage of patients that have been referred to the Welsh Gender Service who have reported self-harm, or attempts at suicide in the past**

The UHB believes that Section 12 applies here, please see the exemption set out above.