

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/129
Mental Health Demographic

Information Requested:

I am requesting an electronic list of the postcodes of all people (service users) referred to mental health services in the geographic area served by the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board for the most recent full calendar year.

By 'referred to mental health services', I mean all people who sought support for their emotional wellbeing and mental health and/or those who received treatment for their emotional wellbeing and mental health in the geographic area served by the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. This care could have been sought in, but is not limited to, the following settings:

- All GP surgeries.
- All community services.
- All specialist services.
- All inpatient services.
- Accident and Emergency.
- CAMHS.
- PMHSS.
- CMHTs.

Response details:

After considering your request, the UHB believes that the data requested is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

To comply with our duty to provide advice and assistance, the UHB would like to make you aware that disclosures under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 constitute disclosures to the wider public. Therefore, assurances provided in respect of how a recipient will handle data do not impact the consideration around disclosure.