

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/512
Locked Rehabilitation Placements

Information Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding locked rehabilitation placements for adults with all mental health diagnosis. **Please provide answers on the attached and accompanying Excel spreadsheet.**

For the avoidance of doubt, whilst there is no set definition of a locked rehabilitation ward, we generally mean a hospital unit where patients are unable to leave as and when they want. They're used to treat people who are considered high risk to others, so with serious conditions such as psychosis.

Where possible, please kindly include responses on the attached spreadsheet.

1. Please could you supply the name, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for placements in locked rehabilitation.

*For questions 2 through 7, please supply the following snapshot information for the **financial years 2019/20 to 2022/23, and budgeted information for 2023/24.***

2. Please provide the total number of adults funded by the Health Board in locked rehabilitation.
3. Of the total number of adults funded by the Health Board in locked rehabilitation (q.2) please provide the number that are male and the number that are female.
4. Of the total number of adults funded by the Health Board in locked rehabilitation (q.2) please provide the number that were detained under the Mental Health Act and the number that were admitted on an informal basis.
5. Of the total number of adults funded by the Health Board in locked rehabilitation (q.2) please provide the number that were placed 'in area' and the number that were placed 'out of area'.
6. Of the total number of adults funded by the Health Board in locked rehabilitation (q.2) please provide the number that were placed in NHS provision and the number that were placed in independent provision.
7. Of the total number of adults funded by the Health Boards in locked rehabilitation (q.2) please provide the number presenting with a primary support need of learning disability, a mental illness, an acquired brain injury, a neurological condition, or a personality disorder.
8. Please provide the Health Board's average and highest weekly expenditure (fee) per individual throughout the financial year in locked rehabilitation
9. Please provide the Health Board's total expenditure on locked rehabilitation placements for the financial years 2019/20 to 2022/23, and budgeted information for 2023/24.

Response Details:

In response to question 1:

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.

The UHB can, however, provide the job title: Continuing NHS Healthcare (CHC) Learning Disability Manager.

In response to questions 2-6 & 8-9:

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

In response to question 7:

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 review with each of the patients and an interpretation by the individual treating clinician. 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.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can provide a rough estimate of the breakdown you have requested. Please see question 7 on the attached spreadsheet and note that patients do not fit neatly into these categories and that multiple categories are selected for some patients.