

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_98_17

You asked:

- 1. How many homeless people (ie... people with no fixed abode) have been admitted to hospitals within Cwm Taf Health Board for problems related to drugs? Could you please provide these figures for each of the last three calendar years?**

I can confirm that 5 people with no fixed abode have been admitted to hospital for problems related to drugs, over the last three years.

- 2. How many homeless people (ie... people with no fixed abode) have been admitted to hospitals within Cwm Taf Health Board for problems related to alcohol? Could you please provide these figures for each of the last three calendar years?**

I can confirm that less than 5 people with no fixed abode have been admitted to hospital for problems related to alcohol, over the last three years.

The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 1998, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles set out in Schedules 2 and 3 of the Act. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and does not require the Health Board to consider the public interest test.