

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_14_20

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide separate information for each of your hospitals/facilities providing mental health inpatient services:

1. Is the hospital smoke free (i.e. does not allow smoking anywhere on hospital grounds) and, if yes, what date did this happen?

Mental Health Inpatient Ward Location	Smoking Arrangements
Ysbyty George Thomas	There are a designated smoking areas attached to the wards
Ysbyty Cwm Cynon	There is no smoking on ward 7 or the whole of YCC including grounds, patients have to go off premises
Royal Glamorgan Hospital Mental Health Unit	There are a designated smoking areas attached to the wards
Princess of Wales Hospital	There are a designated smoking areas attached to the wards
Angelton Clinic, Glanrhyd Hospital	There are a designated smoking areas attached to the wards
Cefn Yr Afon, Quarella Road, Bridgend	There are a designated smoking areas attached to the wards
Pinewood House, Treorchy	There is a designated smoking area attached to Pinewood House

2. How many patients/service users have absconded/gone AWOL while on leave for each separate calendar year since 2000 (or for each year you have information)?

Calendar Year	Failure to Return form Authorised leave
2010	7
2011	10
2012	**
2013	7
2014	14
2015	15
2016	9
2017	15
2018	18
2019	49

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. 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. The data 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 as 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.

3. Of these, how many patients/service users have absconded/gone AWOL while on leave to have a cigarette or where the report mentions cigarettes for each separate calendar year since 2000 (or for each year you have information)?

Calender Year	Failure to Return where "Cigarette" is mentioned
2010	**
2011	10
2012	**
2013	11
2014	5
2015	5
2016	6
2017	6
2018	15
2019	5

4. When looking at all incident reports (not just those in which a patient absconded), how many incident reports mentioned "smoking", "smoke", "cigarette" or "lighter" a) in 2017, b) in 2018 and c) in 2019?

The Health Board does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required. To provide you with this information, would require a manual trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act. The only way we could identify incident reports containing the keywords requested would be to review every incident mentioning any of those keywords to ensure that the number reported is not a duplication for example one incident might mention all 4 keywords which would mean that the 1 incident would be recorded 4 times on the report.