

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_203_21

You asked:

1. How many patients in total received Electroconvulsive therapy ECT in 2019?
2. How many of these were female?
3. How many of these were over 60?
4. How many of these were under 18?
5. How many patients received ECT without receiving a NICE recommended psychological therapy?
6. What measures of clinical outcome were used for patients who received ECT and what were the results?
7. What measures of adverse effects for patients who received ECT were used, and what were the results?
8. How many patients were given ECT without consent?
9. Which professions did the SOAD consult for patients who did not consent?

Our response:

I can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information. However, to release the specific information in the way that you have requested would mean disclosure of low numbers.

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.

In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach 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.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, please see the information we are able to provide in the table below:

Question 1	5
Question 2	Less than 5
Question 3	Less than 5
Question 4	0
Question 5	0
Question 6	Depression Scale assessment is used after every 2 nd treatment. Due to the low number involved, we would not disclose results and have applied Section 40(2) (please see above).
Question 7	All patients were monitored after each treatment by their consultant.

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Question 8	Less than 5
Question 9	Nurse(s) Pharmacist(s)