

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_209_21

You asked:

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please send me:

1. The number of children and young people under 18 admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward between 1/1/2019 to 31/12/2019, and the duration of each admission in days.
2. The number of children and young people under 18 admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward between 1/1/2020 to 31/12/2020, and the duration of each admission in days.
3. The number of children and young people admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward between 1/1/21 to the current date, and the duration of each admission in days.

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:

Period	Admissions	Duration(s)
01/01/2019 – 31/12/2019	Less than 5	From 3 (Three) days up to 9 (Nine) days
01/01/2020 – 31/12/2020	Less than 5	From 2 (Two) days up to 3 (Three) days
01/01/2021 - Current	Less than 5	From 1 (One) day up to 6 (Six) days