

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_455_21

You asked:

The NHS Benchmarking Network states that service providers from across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have participated in mental health and learning disabilities programmes and projects with the network.

Please can you provide copies of all data returns relating to either mental health or learning disabilities provided to the NHS Benchmarking Network, or planned to be provided to the NHS Benchmarking Network, between May 2021 and November 2021.

This may include:

- The 2021 Annual Return as part of CAMHS Benchmarking Project
- The 2021 Annual Return as part of the Mental Health Benchmarking Project
- The 2021 Annual Return as part of the Learning Disability Services Provider Project
- Monthly returns, between May 2021 and October or November 2021, as part of the Mental Health & Learning Disabilities Services Tracker

I recognise that not all organisations provide CAMHS or Learning Disability Services, and so I would not expect them to necessarily engage in the relevant benchmarking projects or provide returns for these as part of their response to my request.

I appreciate that some of the "Annual" returns may not be expected to be submitted to the NHS Benchmarking Network until early November 2021. These are still in scope of my request.

Our response:

From our preliminary assessment, we estimate to review and validate each individual return in order to comply with your particular request would significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

In order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 to aid and assist, we can confirm that NHS Bench Marking data is published routinely and is available via the following link:

[Events - National Collaborative Commissioning Unit \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/whatson/learning-disability-services-provider-project)