

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_315_22

You asked:

I am writing to ask for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible.

1. The number of children and young people (i.e. people aged under 18) admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward in 2018, and the duration of each admission in days.
2. The number of children and young people admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward in 2019, and the duration of each admission in days.
3. The number of children and young people admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward in 2020, and the duration of each admission in days.
4. The number of children and young people admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward in 2021, and the duration of each admission in days.
5. The number of children and young people admitted to an Adult Mental Health Ward to date in 2022, and the duration of each admission in days.

Our response:

We 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)
01/01/2018 – 31/12/2018	7	From 1 (one) day up to 58 (fifty-eight) days
01/01/2019 – 31/12/2019	Less than 5	From 1 (one) day up to 4 (four) days
01/01/2020 – 31/12/2020	Less than 5	From 2 (two) days up to 5 (five) days

01/01/2021 – 31/12/2021	13	From 1 (one) to 45 (forty five) days
01/01/2022 - Current	Less than 5	All less than a day