

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_25_22

You asked:

1. For each month between and including March 2019 and December 2021, please provide the number of detentions of children (under 18) under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983.

45.

2. The total number of individual children detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act during the following periods:

a. 28/02/2019 to 29/02/2020 - 29

b. 01/03/2020 to 01/03/2021 - 9

3. In reference to question (1), for each detention can you provide:

a. The month and year of the detention (MM/YYYY)

Please see provided below the months and years the detentions took place:

04/2019
05/2019
06/2019
07/2019
08/2019
09/2019
10/2019
11/2019
03/2020
05/2020
06/2020
07/2020
08/2020
09/2020
11/2020
04/2021
05/2021
08/2021
11/2021
12/2021

b. The age of the child (broken down into the following bands):

i. 0-5 - 0

ii. 5-11 - 3

iii. 12-15 - 12

iv. 16-17 - 30

c. The gender of the child: 33 = F 12 = M

d. The reason for detention

- Risk of Self harm – 30
- Actual Self harm – 9
- Risk of harm to others/Substance Misuse/Other not listed - 6

e. Was it a detention of a child looked after by a local authority (if known)?

Data not held.

Where did the detention take place:

i. Accident and emergency department - 6

ii. Paediatric ward - 0

iii. A “place of safety” as defined by Section 135 of the Mental Health Act 1983 - 39

iv. Other - 0

f. How long was the person detained?

Of 45 detentions, 12 were detained for 1 day. 33 were detained, assessed and discharged on the day of detention.

4. What is the trust’s “place of safety” as required by Section 136 (and defined by Section 135) of the Mental Health Act 1983?

In Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board, the designated health based places of safety (HBPOS) are:

- Prince Charles Hospital – Crisis Suite
- Prince Charles Hospital - A&E
- Princess of Wales Hospital – Crisis Suite, Ward 14
- Royal Glamorgan Hospital – Crisis Suite, Mental Health Unit
- Royal Glamorgan Hospital – A&E

If however it is deemed more appropriate to assess an individual in another part of the hospital due to the individual’s needs, anywhere else can be used as a health based place of safety as defined by Section 135(6).

In most cases CAMHS patients are directed to A&E as a health based place of safety as the crisis suites are not deemed to be an appropriate setting for children and adolescents. It may also be appropriate to assess a child or adolescent in a paediatric setting.