

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_370_22

You asked:

I write regarding an FOI request about transfers of mental health patients outside of Wales and would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

1. How many mental health patients were transferred outside of your health board boundaries for treatment between 2017-18 and 2021-22?
2. How many mental health patients were transferred to England and Scotland for treatment between 2017-18 and 2021-22?
3. Please detail the places mental health patients were transferred to in England and Scotland between 2017-18 and 2021-22 or the furthest away your board has transferred a patient to;
4. The cost of transferring patients outside of Wales between 2017-18 and 2021-22; and
5. The reasons why patients were transferred out of Wales.

Our response:

Adult Mental Health response:

1. There were 116 patients transferred for treatment outside the boundary of Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board between 2017-18 and 2021-22.
2. There were 21 patients transferred for treatment in England. No patients received treatment in Scotland.
3. The 21 patients who were transferred for treatment in England were receiving hospital care in a secure setting. These settings are located in Weston-Super-Mare, London, Midlands, Northampton and Warrington being the service furthest away from the Health Board.
4. The cost of transferring those patients is provided as part of a core cost of using those facilities and thus not available broken down into separate transport costs. We can confirm that no additional transport costs were commissioned during this time.
5. The reasons for transferring patients to England for treatment are driven by the quality and availability of services local to the Health Board.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) response: – [The Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee](#) (WHSSC) are commissioned to provide out of area placements for CAMHS. Therefore, for data relating to children and young people under the age of 18, you may wish to redirect your request to WHSSC.

Their contact details can be found via the following link:

<http://www.whssc.wales.nhs.uk/foi>