Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_230_23

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding adult learning disability services.

1. Please could you supply the name, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for learning disabilities placements?

Mark Abraham mark.abraham@wales.nhs 01443443443

For questions 2 to 6, please supply this information as a snapshot at the end of the year for the financial years 2022/23 and the most up to date snapshot available for 2023/24.

2. Please provide the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the University Health Board in residential care.

2022/23 - 53 2023/24 -56

3. Of the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the University Health Board in residential care (q.2) please provide the number that are in 'in area' placements and the number that are in 'out of area' placements.

2022/23 - 32 are outside of the Health Board area.

2023/24 - 34 are outside of the Health Board area.

4. Please provide the total number of adults with learning disabilities funded by the University Health Board in supported living.

2022/23 – 27

2023/24 - 27

5. Please provide the number of adults with learning disabilities who transitioned from children's learning disabilities services into adult's services - in total, into adult residential care services only, and into adult supported living services only.

There were *less than 5 transitions in total across the two years all directly into residential services.

2022/23 - *Less than 5

2023/24 - *Less than 5

6. Please provide the number of adults with learning disabilities who 'stepped down' from specialist inpatient hospital placements into adult residential care and supported living services.

There were *Less than 5 stepdown placements to residential care across the two years.

2022/23 - *Less than 5

2023/24 - *Less than 5

7. Please provide the University Health Board's total expenditure on residential care and supported living for adults with learning disabilities for the financial year 2022/23, and budgeted expenditure for 2023/24.

Residential expenditure:

2022/23 - £6,814,000

2023/23 - £8,526,000

Supported Living expenditure:

2022/23 - £2,347,000

2023/24 - £2,954,000

8. Please provide the highest, lowest, and average weekly rate paid by the University Health Board for residential care placements for adults with a learning disability for each of the financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24. If the University Health Board has weekly rate bands, please also provide these.

2022/23 - Highest £7,600, Lowest £1214 and average £3682

2023/24 - Highest £8415, Lowest £1,345 and average £4326

9. Please provide the highest, lowest, and average hourly rate paid by the University Health Board for supported living placements for adults with a learning disability for each of the financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24. If the University Health Board has hourly rate bands, please also provide these.

Unfortunately the Health Board does not report this level of information and therefore cannot provide an answer to this question.

*Where the figures are less than 5, the exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

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. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. The data is classed as personal data as defined under 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.