

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_253_23

You asked:

I am collecting evidence in relation to the end-of-life experiences of dying adults and wish submit the following questions to you under the Freedom of Information Act.

Q1. Are there any Specialist Palliative Care Units (SPCUs) within your Board? If yes, please provide the name and address of these.

CTMUHB has three specialist palliative care units:

- 1) The Bridgend and West Vale team care for patients in **Y Bwthyn Newydd** SPC Unit within the grounds of Princess of Wales Hospital, Coity Road, Bridgend, CF31 1RQ. They also provide Specialist Palliative Care for inpatients at Princess of Wales Hospital and Glanryhd Hospitals.
- 2) The Merthyr and Cynon team care for patients living in the North area of Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB. The team are based in **Ysbyty Cwm Cynon – Ynysdawl Ward (Ward 6)**, and also provide Specialist Palliative Care for inpatients at Prince Charles Hospital and any other community hospitals.
- 3) The Rhondda and Taff Ely team care for patients living in the South area of Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB. The team are based in **Y Bwthyn**, within the grounds of the Royal Glamorgan Hospital. They also provide Specialist Palliative Care to inpatients in Ysbyty Cwm Rhondda, as well as Royal Glamorgan Hospital and any other community hospitals.

Q2. Please provide information on the following within your Board between January 2017 and December 2022 (inclusive). Broken down by year if possible:

- i) The number of suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)
- ii) The number of attempted suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)

Please see the information provided in the table below, for the time period between January 2017 and December 2022 (inclusive).

The number of suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)	0
The number of attempted suicides in SPCUs (by adults 18+)	*Less than 5

*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.

Q3. Please provide information on the following within your Board between January 2017 and December 2022 (inclusive), excluding data provided in Q2. Broken down by year if possible:

- i) The number of suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults 18+)**
- ii) The number of attempted suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults 18+)**

Please see the information provided in the table below, for the time period between January 2017 and December 2022 (inclusive).

The number of suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults 18+)	0
The number of attempted suicides in any hospital ward by patients receiving specialist palliative care (by adults 18+)	0