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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_220_24

You asked:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). I'd like to request the following information:

- 1) How many times 'microdosing' psychedelic substances was included as a reason for admissions to your hospitals in 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date.
- 2) How many times the consumption of psychedelic substances in any quantity was included as a reason for admissions to your hospitals in 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date.

Such substances include but are not limited to:

- Magic Mushrooms (e.g. Psilocybin)
- MDMA
- LSD
- DMT
- Ayahuasca (e.g. Harmaline)
- Salvia

Please break this down by drug, year and patient age.

Our response:

1) How many times 'microdosing' psychedelic substances was included as a reason for admissions to your hospitals in 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date.

We can only show patients admitted under the ICD10 codes and are unable to confirm how these drugs were taken.

Magic Mushrooms or LSD – Zero admissions.

DMT, Ayahuasca and Salvia all have the same ICD10 code (T43.8 Other psychotropic drugs, not elsewhere classified). However, there were no results for this code.

We can confirm that the Health Board does hold data in relation to MDMA. However, to release the specific information in the way that you have requested (by patient age) 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 provided below the number MDMA admissions by year.

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **.

MDMA

2022 = 12

2023 = 10

2024 to date = Less than 5

2) How many times the consumption of psychedelic substances in any quantity was included as a reason for admissions to your hospitals in 2022, 2023 and 2024 to date.

Ingestion is not included in the coding process. Therefore, we are unable to provide this data.