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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_131_25

You asked:

Section 12 doctors provide a vital role in assisting with Mental Health Act assessments, often at night or in high-risk situations, however the rates for payment (typically around £170 per assessment, many of which may be 4 or more hours long) have not been revised for over a decade, even for inflation. This is making it difficult to obtain doctors willing to attend, putting lives at risk. The BMA pointed this out and recently made advisory rates for MHA assessments public in 2024: see

<https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bma.org.uk%2Fpay-and-contracts&data=05%7C02%7CCTM.FreedomOfInformation%40wales.nhs.uk%7C63b4e6fb00dc4c7ccde008dd60b52910%7Cbb5628b8e3284082a856433c9edc8fae%7C0%7C0%7C638773053368175490%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMtIsIkFOIjoitWFpbCIIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=UrkSQ68H%2BO54gRkJBGehXeZsF0A6PZ2MgZREs5AIu1A%3D&reserved=0....> To date, few bodies have respected this advice in Wales.

I am requesting the standard fee rate for MHA assessments that doctors seeing patients in your health board are paid. If this is not paid directly by the health board, please liaise with the relevant council to find the rates. Please provide typical rates to reimburse a doctor for MHA fee (and mileage rates) for each year since 2000 up to 2025 in a simple table with these two columns.

I will be making this request of each of the seven health boards in Wales.

Our response:

Please see the following breakdown of the standard fee rate for Mental Health Act assessments that doctors are paid in Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board since 2000: -

Year	Fee
2000	£59.70
2001	No listing for a pay circular for this year
2002	£157.60
2003	£162.70
2004	£167.95
2005 onwards	£173.37