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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_223_25

You asked:

For the financial year 2024–2025 (April 1st, 2024 to March 31st, 2025):

- 1. Please provide the number of individuals aged 7 to 25 who attended Accident & Emergency (A&E) departments within your health board following an assault involving a knife, bladed article, or sharp object. We would like this data broken down by age bands:**
 - 7–10 years
 - 11–13 years
 - 14–16 years
 - 17–18 years
 - 19–25 years
 - Broken down by A&E department (e.g., by hospital name or location).

Secondary Requests :

- Gender of the individual, where recorded.
- Whether the attendance resulted in hospital admission.
- Whether a mental health or safeguarding referral was made as part of the attendance (if recorded).

Additional further information

- Trends over the past three financial years (2021–22, 2022–23, 2023–24) using the same breakdowns as above.
- Referrals to youth services or social work resulting from such attendances.
- Geographical breakdowns beyond A&E department (e.g., local authority or postcode sector).
- Data on individuals attending A&E more than once for knife-related injuries (repeat attendees).

Our response:

We can confirm that the Health Board does hold this information. However, to release the specific information in the way that you have requested 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 below the data that we have been able to disclose:

Question 1

We can confirm that during the time period requested, 16 individuals aged 7 to 25 attended an Accident & Emergency (A&E) department within the Health Board following an assault involving a knife, bladed article, or sharp object.

6 were aged 7 – 16 years

10 were aged 17 – 25 years

A&E Department Hospital Site Names

- Prince Charles Hospital (A&E)
- Princess of Wales Hospital (A&E)
- Royal Glamorgan Hospital (A&E)
- Ysbyty Cwm Cynon (Minor Injuries Unit)

Secondary Requests

- Less than 5 were Female.
- Less than 5 resulted in hospital admission.
- *No mental health referrals were made as part of the attendance.

Additional further information

2021/2022

Number of attendances at CTMUHB A&E Departments by Local Authority (LA) following an assault involving a knife, bladed article, or sharp object:

- Bridgend - 10
- Merthyr Tydfil – less than 5
- Rhondda Cynon Taf - 17
- From another Health Board LA area – 6

Of those,

- 30 were male.
- Less than 5 resulted in a hospital admission.
- *No mental health referrals were made as part of the attendance.

2022/2023

Number of attendances at CTMUHB A&E Departments by Local Authority (LA) following an assault involving a knife, bladed article, or sharp object:

- Bridgend - 5
- Merthyr Tydfil – Less than 5
- Rhondda Cynon Taf - 8
- From another Health Board LA area – 5

Of those,

- 15 were male.
- Zero (0) resulted in a hospital admission.
- *No mental health referrals were made as part of the attendance.

2023/24

Number of attendances at CTMUHB A&E Departments by Local Authority (LA) following an assault involving a knife, bladed article, or sharp object:

- Bridgend - 7
- Merthyr Tydfil – Less than 5
- Rhondda Cynon Taf - 11
- From another Health Board LA area – Less than 5

Of those,

- 13 were male.
- Less than 5 resulted in a hospital admission.
- *No mental health referrals were made as part of the attendance.

*Please note the following caveat:

We can only identify if a patient has been referred to a mental Health service during their attendance, we cannot confirm if a safeguarding referral was made. Safeguarding referrals are not recorded electronically only in the patient paper notes. We are unable to identify if a patient has been referred to a social worker.