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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 16th January 2020. Your request sought information relating to smoking within mental health inpatient services.

Please note our response below refers to our mental health hospitals/units.

1. Is the hospital smoke free (i.e. does not allow smoking anywhere on hospital grounds) and, if yes, what date did this happen?

Glanrhyd Hospital – grounds and Caswell Clinic are smoke free since March 2007.
Taith Newydd has a designated outdoor smoking area.

Neath Port Talbot Hospital – Ward F, Ward G and Calon Lan have designated outdoor smoking areas.

Cefn Coed Hospital - Gwelfor and the "Step Down" houses have designated outdoor smoking areas.

Tonna Hosital – has a designated outdoor smoking area.

2. How many patients/service users have absconded/gone AWOL while on leave for each separate calendar year since 2000 (or for each year you have information)?

Please note that we do not hold this information prior to 2014, as this was when our new incident reporting system Datix was implemented. Prior to that these events were not recorded centrally.

2014 - <5



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2015 - 139
2016 - 157
2017 - 173
2018 - 185
2019 - 129
2020 - 8 (up to 19.02.20)

3. Of these, how many patients/service users have absconded/gone AWOL while on leave to have a cigarette or where the report mentions cigarettes for each separate calendar year since 2000 (or for each year you have information)?

2014 - 0
2015 - <5
2016 - <5
2017 - <5
2018 - <5
2019 - <5
2020 - 0

4. When looking at all incident reports (not just those in which a patient absconded), how many incident reports mentioned "smoking", "smoke", "cigarette" or "lighter" a) in 2017, b) in 2018 and c) in 2019?

2017 - 0
2018 - 0
2019 - <5

Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by 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. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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