

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-330	22 August 2023
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Your request

You requested the following:

1. In each of the following financial years, how many adults with known drug and/or alcohol issues or dependence were referred to your psychological talking therapies service by a GP?

If data for the number referred 'by a GP' is not available, please provide the number referred from primary care.

- i) 2018-19
- ii) 2019-20
- iii) 2020-21
- iv) 2021-22
- v) 2022-23

2. How many of those in question 1 were a) accepted and b) declined for support from your psychological talking therapies service? Please break the information down by the following financial years.

- i) 2018-19
- ii) 2019-20
- iii) 2020-21
- iv) 2021-22
- v) 2022-23

Please provide a figure for c) other, where relevant. For example, if the individual was referred but didn't engage further with your service and was therefore neither accepted nor declined.

3. In each of the following financial years, how many adults were referred to your psychological talking therapies service by drug and alcohol services?

- i) 2018-19
- ii) 2019-20
- iii) 2020-21
- iv) 2021-22
- v) 2022-23

4. How many of those in question 3 were a) accepted and b) declined for support from your psychological talking therapies service? Please break the information down by the following financial years.

- i) 2018-19
- ii) 2019-20
- iii) 2020-21

- iv) 2021-22
- v) 2022-23

Please provide a figure for c) other, where relevant. For example, if the individual was referred but didn't engage further with your service and was therefore neither accepted nor declined.

Our response

We can confirm that we do hold the information requested for questions 1, 2, 3 and 4. However, individual information about drug and/or alcohol issues or dependence is not captured electronically on referrals or in assessments. Therefore, retrieving the information requested would require a manual search of all referrals.

In order to provide this information, the Health Board has calculated that it would take in excess of 18 hours to review each staff record for the period requested. Therefore, in order to comply with your request, the Health Board has established that this would exceed the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which is currently £450. For each financial year, we estimate that it would take Health Board staff approximately 2,500 hours to review. This figure is based on a timescale of 10 minutes per record. The Health Board's staff will have a total of 15,000 records to review per financial year requested, and to obtain the data this would work out at approximately 2,500 hours @ £25.00 per hour (cost permitted under the Act) = £62,500 per financial year, totalling £312,500 for the full period requested. This is not an exemption which requires us to consider the application of the public interest test.