

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-284	26 th July 2021
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I am writing to make a Freedom of Information Act request that you provide me with the data held by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board in relation to hearings convened under the s.23 discharge power contained in the Mental Health Act 1983 (s.23 MHA 1983). These hearings are generally referred to as Hospital Managers' Hearings, Associate Hospital Managers' Hearings, or Hospital Managers' Panels. This is a request for statistical information to be released taking in the years 2018/19, 2019/20, and 2020/21 (running April to March for each year).

If data is held at both a hospital level and the same data is also centrally aggregated within the Trust, then I would only like access to the central dataset.

Information included in such a dataset(s) might include, but may not be limited to:

- Number of hearings scheduled, which may include a breakdown by type of hearing (e.g. divided by type of section (section 2, 3 etc.), and/or type of hearing (e.g. s.20 renewal, s.25 barring order)).**
- Number of discharges, perhaps broken down by type of section/hearing.**
- Number of times a hearing request was refused because of the proximity of a Mental Health Tribunal hearing (38.13 MHA 1983 Code of Practice, 2015)**
- Number of hearings cancelled before the hearing took place, with reasons (e.g. Responsible Clinician discharged patient, Tribunal discharged patient)**
- Number of hearings held, perhaps broken down by type of section/hearing (e.g. paper hearing).**
- Number of adjournments, perhaps broken down by type of section/hearing.**
- Attendees at the hearing. For example, the number of times a patient attended, or was accompanied by their legal represented, or their Nearest Relative.**

Please see table below which summarises the information requested. Please note that the information has been provided using the less than 5 rule, as a patient could become identifiable due to small numbers.

Year	MHAM Scheduled					Cancelled				MHAM Held					Adjourned					Discharged by MHAM					Legal Rep
	TOTAL	S2	S3	S20	S25	Cancel MHRT	Cancel Discharged	Cancel Transferred	Cancel Withdrew	TOTAL	S2	S3	S20	S25	TOTAL	S2	S3	S20	S25	S2	S3	S20	S25	S2	
2018/19	72	<5	5	61	<5	6	14	<5	<5	42	0	<5	39	<5	6	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
2019/20	104	0	0	102	<5	0	29	5	0	47	0	0	46	<5	14	0	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
2020/21	76	<5	<5	70	<5	<5	70	6	0	32	0	<5	31	0	3	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	16