



Our ref/Ein cyf: ATISN 10407

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Dear ,

ATISN 10407: Statistics regarding suicides, chronic illness and mental health support in Wales

Thank you for your request to the Welsh Government for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on 25 April. You asked for the most detailed information held, for as far back as possible, on:

- i) the number of suicides in different areas of Wales each year;
- ii) the number of individuals with chronic illnesses in different areas of Wales; and
- iii) the number of individuals receiving support for mental health difficulties in different areas of Wales.

In particular, you would like information pertaining to individual wards or local authority areas.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the some of the information you require is held by the Welsh Government.

- i) Regarding the number of suicides in different areas of Wales, my colleague Cath Roberts has contacted you to explain that we do not hold this information at ward level although we could produce information by individual year by middle layer super output area (MSOA). However, statistics on suicides in England and Wales are collated and published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS), which has published details by local authority area at the link below.

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/death/datasets/suicidesbylocalauthority>



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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

We believe that ONS holds this information down to ward level and may be able to produce this for you. You have advised that you will be contacting ONS to request this.

ii) Regarding the number of individuals with chronic illnesses in different areas of Wales, we hold data published for the GP quality and outcomes framework (QOF) showing disease prevalence down to cluster and practice level:

<http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/general-medical-services-contract/?lang=en>

iii) Regarding the number of individuals receiving support for mental health difficulties, we hold data from the Welsh Health Survey down to local authority level for illnesses and mental health component summary scores:

<http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/welsh-health-survey/?lang=en>

The GP quality and outcomes framework (QOF) also includes data from disease registers relating to mental health (dementia, depression and 'mental health' (schizophrenia, bipolar affective disorder or other psychoses)): link as above.

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Yours sincerely,