

ATISN 13964

14 May 2020

Dear,

ATISN 13964: Mental Health Guidance

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) which I received on 06 May. I have interpreted your request as follows:

1. What guidance has DHSC Wales sent to in-patient mental health facilities/health boards/NHS Wales around how to manage coronavirus within in-patient mental health settings since 01 March?
2. Guidance may include, but is not limited to information on- the early release of patients where possible; cancelling leave for in-patients; suspending advocacy services; stopping legal hearings; preventing patient readmissions; separating patients (whether through segregation or other forms).

I can confirm that all of the guidance that has been sent to mental health facilities, health boards and NHS Wales around the management of coronavirus with-in in-patient mental health settings is publically available.

As you have requested a wide-range of information to do with the management of coronavirus in mental healthcare settings I believe that it would be most valuable to provide you with the central link for mental health guidance on coronavirus so that you are able to access all of the information that you require.

Please find the link below:

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/easc/mhg>

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Yours sincerely