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We are responding to your request for information received 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 and clarified on 19<sup>h</sup> February 2026. We are sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

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**Request:**

**Question 1:** How many patients on Hospital Orders with Restrictions (ie section 37/41 of the mental health act 1983) are currently detained in your medium and low secure (or combined) services?

Answer: 121 patients

**Question 2:** If the patients with Hospital Orders with Restrictions detained in your facilities are entitled to claim Universal Credit?

Answer: Yes (majorly) with the exceptions of those with 'No Recourse to Public Funds'

**Question 3:** The number of patients on Hospital Orders with Restrictions who are currently claiming Universal Credit whilst detained in hospital?

Answer: 91 patients

**Question 4:** The number of patients on Hospital Orders with Restrictions who have ever claimed Universal Credit whilst detained in hospital?

**Clarification:**

**Q4 is whether patients on hospital and restriction orders have ever received Universal credit whilst currently detained in your Medium and Low Secure services.**

**(I understand that such patients are no longer entitled to benefits if they have accrued savings of £16,000 and some Sec 37/41 patients may have achieved this and are no longer claiming).**

**Perhaps over the last five years?**

Answer:

	Calendar Year				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
<b>Number of patients who have ever claimed universal credit whilst detained under section 37/41 in last 5 years</b>	36	36	72	83	119



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