

Reference:	FOI.11630.23
Subject:	Adult Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) waiting times
Date of Request:	9 May 2023

Requested:

1. Could you tell me the average waiting time for an appropriate clinician to review and process a positive ADHD diagnosis from a private clinic/provider?
2. Once accepted onto the treatment waiting list, could you tell me the average waiting time for this too please?

Clarified

Data on adults will suffice.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate limit" represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the requested data, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all adult ADHD patient records, to identify any information that would fulfil your request, as this information is not held centrally.

As two hundred and thirteen adults (213) were assessed for ADHD during the 2022/23 financial year, conducting a search to identify any information relevant to your request would far exceed the 'appropriate limit', costing the UHB the following:

213 @ 15 minutes per item = 53.25 hours
53.25 hours @ £25 per hour = £1,331.25

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, we are required as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable, to individuals who have made a request under the FoIA.

The UHB has recently answered Freedom of Information (FoI) requests relating to ADHD and waiting times, which are available on our disclosure log. As the requests for information are accessible by another means, the UHB has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the FoIA.

The most recently answered FOI requests that may be of use to you are listed below:

FOI.11487.23 - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) services
FOI.11480.23 - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) diagnosis waiting times
FOI.11398.23 - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) waiting times
FOI.11137.23 - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) statistics

For ease of reference, please click on the attached link, which will take you directly to the UHB's disclosure log webpage:

[Disclosure Log - Hywel Dda University Health Board \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/disclosure-log/hywel-dda-university-health-board)