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Requested:

FOI.19852

I would like to request the following information regarding allergy services within your Health Board area. Please provide the most recent data available, ideally covering the most recent 12-month period for which information is held.

1. How many patients registered with GP practices in your health board area have a coded diagnosis of an allergic condition (including but not limited to food allergy, drug allergy, allergic rhinitis, eczema, or anaphylaxis)?
2. How many patients with an allergic condition were referred from primary care to secondary or specialist care for allergy assessment or treatment during this period?
3. Does your health board commission or provide a dedicated allergy clinic or specialist allergy service?
If yes, please provide the location(s) and type of service provided.
4. How many patients are currently waiting for a first appointment with an allergy specialist or allergy clinic within your health board area?
5. Of those patients, how many have been waiting:
 - more than 26 weeks
 - more than 52 weeks
6. What is the longest recorded waiting time for a patient currently waiting for a first appointment with an allergy service within your health board area?
7. How many hospital admissions related to allergic reactions or anaphylaxis occurred within your health board area during the most recent 12-month period available?
8. How many healthcare professionals within your health board currently work in roles specifically supporting allergy patients, including:
 - Consultant allergists or immunologists
 - Specialist allergy nurses
 - Specialist allergy dietitians
 - GPs with a special interest in allergy.
9. Does your health board maintain any central dataset or registry tracking the number of patients diagnosed with allergic conditions?
10. Number of deaths during the most recent 12-month period where an allergic reaction (including anaphylaxis) was recorded as the primary or contributing cause.

FOI.19853

1. Number of children (under 18) registered with GP practices in your health board area who have a coded diagnosis of an allergic condition (including but not limited to food allergy, drug allergy, eczema, or anaphylaxis).
2. Number of children with an allergic condition referred from primary care to secondary or specialist care for allergy assessment or treatment during this period.
3. Does your health board commission or provide a dedicated paediatric allergy clinic or service? If yes, please provide location(s) and type of service provided.
4. Number of children currently waiting for a first appointment with a paediatric allergy specialist or clinic.
5. Of those children, how many have been waiting:
 - more than 26 weeks
 - more than 52 weeks
6. Longest recorded waiting time for a child currently waiting for a first appointment with a paediatric allergy service.
7. Number of hospital admissions of children related to allergic reactions or anaphylaxis during the most recent 12-month period available.
8. Number of healthcare professionals currently working in roles specifically supporting paediatric allergy patients, including:
 - Consultant allergists or immunologists
 - Specialist allergy nurses
 - Specialist allergy dietitians
 - GPs with a special interest in paediatric allergy
9. Does your health board maintain any central dataset or registry tracking children diagnosed with allergic conditions?
10. Number of deaths of children (under 18) during the most recent 12-month period where an allergic reaction (including anaphylaxis) was recorded as the primary or contributing cause.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold the information for all GP Surgeries. With the exception of the Managed Practices, which are directly managed by the UHB, they are all managed independently. The independent GP Practices hold their own information and consequently, the UHB does not have access to all of the details you require. Therefore, this information would need to be requested directly from the individual GP Practices. The names and addresses of each GP Surgery within the UHB's geographical area has been provided at Attachment 1.

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance and provides below the information it holds for the UHB and its six (6) Managed GP practices; Ashgrove Medical Centre, Meddygfa Minafon, Neyland and Johnston Surgery, Meddygfa Penrhyn, Meddygfa Sarn and Tenby Surgery.

FOI.19852

1. The UHB confirms that its Managed Practices had sixteen thousand, three hundred and fifty (16,350) adults aged 18 years and over with a coded diagnosis recorded for an allergic condition, during the period 1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026.

The UHB also had four hundred and eighty-seven (487) adults recorded on its Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) that are registered with a GP Practice and have a diagnosis recorded for an allergic condition, during the period 1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026.

2. The UHB can confirm that its Managed Practices referred twenty-one (21) adults for an allergy assessment and seven (7) adults were recorded on the UHBs WPAS as being referred for an allergy assessment, during the period 1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026.
3. The UHB does not provide an allergy service for adults, patients are referred to University Hospital Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust via the Prior Approval process.
4. – 7. Not applicable. Please see response to question 3
8. & 9. Not applicable. Please see response to question 3.
10. The UHB does not hold the requested information as the cause of death and any contributing factors is determined by the coroner, who is appointed by the Local Authority (LA). We therefore recommend that you redirect this part of your request to the Freedom of Information Teams within each LA in the UHB's footprint, who may be able to help you with your enquiry. Their contact details are set out overleaf:

Information & Data Protection Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP or by email foia@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Complaints & Freedom of Information Team, Ceredigion County Council, Canolfan Rheidol, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3UE or by email foi@ceredigion.gov.uk

Information Governance Team, Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TP or by email FOI@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

FOI.19853

1. The UHB confirms that its Managed Practices had two thousand, two hundred and fifty-three (2,253) Children and Young People (CYP) under 18 years of age, with a coded diagnosis recorded for an allergic condition at 1 April 2026.

The UHB currently has one hundred and fifty-three (153) CYP patients under follow up in its Paediatric Allergy Clinic.

2. The UHB can confirm that a total of one hundred and twenty-two (122) CYP were referred for an allergy assessment, across its Managed Practices and Paediatric Service, during the period 1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026.

3. The UHB does not commission Paediatric Allergy Services, it provides its own clinics. The UHB provides two (2) Paediatric Allergy Clinics per month in both Bronglais General Hospital (BGH) and Withybush General Hospital (WGH) and one (1) per month in both Glangwili General Hospital (GGH) and the Elizabeth Williams Clinic (EWC) in Llanelli.
4. The UHB confirms that it currently has seventy-three (73) CYP waiting for a first appointment with the Paediatric Allergy Clinic. Additionally, eight (8) CYP were referred to Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust for assessment via the Prior Approval process, during the 2024/25 financial year.
5. The UHB confirms that all seventy-three (73) CYP have been waiting more than twenty-six (26) weeks but less than fifty-two (52) weeks.
6. The longest recorded wait time for a first appointment with the Paediatric Allergy Service for a CYP is forty-four (44) weeks.
7. The UHB confirms ninety (90) CYP admissions took place due to an allergy or anaphylaxis, during the period 1 March 2025 to 28 February 2026.
8. The UHB confirms it has one (1) Paediatric Allergy Clinical Lead, however, the services does not currently employ any Specialist Allergy Nurses. This is a priority area for the Paediatric Allergy Service and there is a proposal to recruit two (2) Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Specialist Allergy Nurses to support the undertaking of Skin Prick Test (SPT) and reduce wait times. One of these roles will also support the Respiratory service.
9. The UHB does not hold a central dataset for tracking CYP diagnosed with allergic conditions.
10. Please see response to question 10 of FOI.19852.