

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.7695.21
<b>Subject:</b>	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) assessments
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**Requested:**

1. How many adults have been referred for an ADHD assessment between 2019 and present date?
2. What is the current waiting time from referral to assessment?
3. What is the breakdown between males and females of above referrals?
4. How many adults have received an ADHD diagnosis via your services?
5. If no provision is available, how many adults have been titrated with ADHD medication via your psychiatrists following a private diagnosis?
6. How many adults have received share care agreements for medication for ADHD following a private diagnosis?
7. When do you anticipate the adult ADHD service being available in your health board if one is not currently present?

With the above questions - if they are able to be provided in male female splits that would be appreciated.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested for question 3, 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 2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

The UHB does not centrally record the gender of adult ADHD referrals and therefore, in order to provide you with the requested data, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all adult ADHD patient referral records, to identify any information that fulfils your request.

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 FoIA. Therefore, the UHB provides the information it holds for your other requests.

1. The (UHB) confirms that 1,164 adults have been referred for an ADHD assessment for the calendar years from 2019 to 2021.

2. The current Adult ADHD services' resource within the UHB is extremely limited, with demand being greater than the present service provision capacity. Due to this increasing demand, the UHB has a significant waiting list for assessments within its Adult ADHD services, with the potential for people to wait for a significant period of time for an assessment.
4. The UHB confirms that 212 adults have been diagnosed with ADHD through its ADHD service.
5. Not applicable.
6. The UHB confirms that it does not hold this information.
7. The UHB has identified that Adult ADHD services are a priority area for development. Therefore, it is growing and developing the service with additional input from specialist clinicians, in order to increase the availability of assessments and appropriate treatment, including non-medical interventions that are offered to those affected.

Due to the skills, qualifications and interests required, the UHB has been unable to recruit into the ADHD services. However, an Adult ADHD Clinical Nurse Specialist has been in post since January 2020 and has recently qualified as a Non-Medical Prescriber.