

Reference:	FOI.13036.23
Subject:	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) referrals
Date of Request:	2 November 2023

Requested:

For the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 please provide the following broken down by calendar year.

1. Number of people who sought/referred for an ADHD diagnosis.
2. Number of individuals who were then referred for assessment.
3. Number of those assessed who were given an official diagnosis.

Please further segregate the data by CYP and Adults.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has interpreted question 2 of your request as the number of ADHD referrals waiting for a first ADHD assessment appointment and has provided responses accordingly. However, should this not be what is required, please re-submit your request.

The UHB is unable to provide you with all of 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.

The UHB does not centrally record ADHD information for Children and Young People (CYP). Therefore, in order to provide you with all of the requested data, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all CYP patient records, to identify any information that fulfils your request.

Additionally, as the adult ADHD service was in its early stages of development in 2018, not all of the information requested is held centrally. Therefore, to provide you with the data requested for question 2 for the 2018 calendar year, a manual trawl of adult ADHD patient records would be required to identify the information you require. A further trawl would also be required to identify any information that would fulfil question 3 of your request, as this information is also not recorded centrally.

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.

As some of this information is already within the public domain, the UHB has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the FoIA, as the information is accessible by another means. The UHB has answered a similar Freedom of Information request FOI.12685.23 - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity

Disorder (ADHD), with the information included for the 2019 to 2022 calendar years for questions 1 and 2 of your request, which is available on our disclosure log:

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 \(nhs.wales\)](#)

The accessible information held for the questions not covered above has been provided below.

1. The UHB confirms that the number of adult ADHD referrals received was two hundred and three (203), during the 2018 calendar year.

Additionally, the UHB provides, within the table overleaf, the number of CYP ADHD referrals received, for the 2021 and 2022 calendar years.

Calendar year	Number
2021	228
2022	271

Please note: the data provided above is the accessible information held and has not been validated.