

Reference:	FOI.17949.25
Subject:	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) waiting lists
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Requested:

I would like the information on waiting lists as of the end of July 2025.

1. Could you please tell me how many adults are currently awaiting an ADHD assessment in your health board?
2. Could you also tell me how many children are currently awaiting an ADHD assessment in your health board?
3. Do you operate any specialist neurodevelopmental screening service? If so, have these received Welsh Government funding? If so, please detail the amount of funding awarded per financial year since April 2022.
4. How long have the three adults waiting the longest been on the waiting list been waiting (in weeks?)
5. How long have the three children waiting the longest on the waiting list been waiting (in weeks?)
6. Do you have a shared care policy in place for patients with a private diagnosis?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms there are four thousand, six hundred and ninety-eight (4,698) adults awaiting an ADHD assessment, as of 31 July 2025.
2. The UHB confirms there are one thousand, one hundred and twenty-six (1,126) children and young people (CYP) awaiting an ADHD assessment, as of 31 July 2025.
3. The UHB confirms it has a small dedicated Adult ADHD service which was established in 2019. Between 2022 and 2025, Welsh Government (WG) allocated Neuro-Divergence (ND) Improvement Programme Monies to respective Regional Partnership Boards, and following a rigorous application process the four (4) ND services housed by the UHB were allocated a proportion of this money. However, this money is neither ring-fenced nor recurring for Adult ADHD services.

The UHB confirms it does not operate a specialist CYP ADHD neurodevelopmental screening service.

4. & 5 - The UHB is unable to provide you with this information due to the low number of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the FoIA. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the

principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.

6. The UHB confirms it does not have a shared care policy in place specifically for patients with a private diagnosis. However, there are shared care policies in place with some GP practices for Adult ADHD patients. All patients who receive a diagnosis with a private provider need to have their assessments ratified by the Adult ADHD service and undergo titration of medication with the service before GP's will agree to any on-going prescribing of medication.

Furthermore, the UHB confirms there is no shared care policy in place for CYP who have a private diagnosis.