

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.10618.23
<b>Subject:</b>	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) waiting times
<b>Date of Request:</b>	5 January 2023

**Requested:**

1. The number of women who have been diagnosed with ADHD compared to the number of men diagnosed with ADHD
  - a. In the past year (January 2022 - January 2023)
  - b. In total on record.

**Response:**

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information exactly as 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 number of patients diagnosed with ADHD, by gender, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all ADHD patient records, to identify the information that fulfils your request, as this information is not recorded centrally. However, I can confirm that 194 patients were assessed for ADHD during the period 1 January 2022 to 31 January 2023. Therefore, to provide you with the exact information being requested, conducting the search would far exceed the 'appropriate limit', costing the UHB the following:

194 @ 15 minutes per item = 48.5 hours  
 48.5 hours @ £25 per hour = £1,212.50

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. Therefore, the UHB can provide the number of ADHD assessments undertaken, by gender, for the requested period.

- 1a. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of adult ADHD assessments undertaken, by gender, during the period 1 January 2022 to 31 January 2023.

Number of adult ADHD assessments		
Period	Female	Male
1/1/2022 to 31/1/2023	73	121

- 1b. As 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.6983.22 - Attention Deficit Hyperactivity

Disorder (ADHD) Assessments, which provides the number of assessments recorded, by gender, for the 2017 to 2021 calendar years and 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 \(nhs.wales\)](#)