

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.15296.24
<b>Subject:</b>	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
<b>Date of Request:</b>	17 September 2024

**Requested:**

1. How many children and adults are on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis?
2. How many children and adults are receiving prescribed medication for ADHD?

**Response:**

1. The table below provides the number of adult and paediatric patients awaiting an ADHD assessment within Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB).

Adult	Children
3,654	690

2. 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 Act 2000 and the 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 is unable to provide a complete record of the number of paediatric patients receiving medication for ADHD, as there is not a central record of the number of paediatric patients receiving medication from Bronglais General Hospital or the Primary Care managed practices. We would therefore be required to manually review the patient records of all those who received an assessment, to identify the 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, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it has identified and holds below.

The table below provides the number of adult and paediatric patients receiving prescribed medication for ADHD as at 8 October 2024. Please note that these figures do not include those patients who may be prescribed medication through other Primary Care services, as these are not held by the UHB.

Adult	Children
24	1,022