

Reference:	FOI.13011.23
Subject:	Children with Cerebral Palsy
Date of Request:	31 October 2023

Requested:

1. How many children are living with Cerebral Palsy in the Hywel Dda LHB area?
 - a. 0-3 year olds?
 - b. 4-19 year olds?
2. How are you providing Therapy treatment to children with Cerebral Palsy and in 2022/23 for how many children? as follows:-
 - a. 0-3 years
 - i. How many by your LHB Community therapists?
 - ii. How many by other Welsh LHB therapists?
 - iii. How many by external therapists from the rest of UK?
 - iv. How many by external therapists in Wales?
 - b. 4 - 19 years
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 - iv. How many by external therapists in Wales?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with 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 Cerebral Palsy (CP) data 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 the medical records for CYP diagnosed with CP to identify any appropriate referrals or treatments that may fulfil 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 the FoIA. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds relating to your request, which may not be exactly as requested.

2. The UHB can confirm that the treatments offered are dependent on the individual needs of the CYP. However, the UHB's OT Service provides the following treatments:

- Cerebral Palsy Cymru (CPC) sessions
- Posture Management
- Splinting/lycra sleeves
- Dressing
- Wheelchair referrals
- Moving and handling advice at home and at school
- Adaptations to home and school
- Sensory workshops
- Functional skill development such as dressing etc.

2a. iv. The UHB can confirm that most children three (3) years of age and under are seen as part of the Early Intervention Service 'Better Start, Better Future' programme, which is funded and provided by CPC. Referrals can be made by therapists or parents.

2b. iv. The UHB can confirm that forty-five (45) children four (4) to nineteen (19) years of age were referred to CPC, during the 2022/23 financial year.