

Reference:	FOI.13297.23
Subject:	Children with Cerebral Palsy
Date of Request:	3 December 2023

Requested:

Further to your response, FOI.13011.23, to my earlier Freedom of Information request, I should now like to raise a further Freedom of Information request, for details of therapy provided by Hywel Dda LHB for treatment available for children/CYP living with Cerebral Palsy.

As a result of your responses, I should like to raise a further freedom of information request as shown below:-

1. Does a strategy exist for therapy needs of children living with Cerebral Palsy for your LHB area i.e., Hywel Dda, in each age category 0 - 3 and 4 - 19?
2. If a strategy does not exist, what efforts would need to be made to collate adequate data to enable a strategy to be established?
3. If a strategy exists, will you please send me a copy?
4. What is the Hywel Dda LHB strategy for any vulnerable children, CYP, living with a neuro conditions, especially Cerebral Palsy?
5. If no strategy exists how does the LHB know if it has the correct mix level of therapy resources to support treatment requirements?
6. If a strategy exists will you please send me a copy?
7. What strategy does the Hywel Dda LHB have in place for children/CYP, living with Cerebral Palsy when they meet important transition points in education?
 - a. entry into primary school
 - b. transfer into junior school
 - c. transfer into senior school
 - d. life skills training for adulthood
8. What financial resources are made available by the LHB, or local Social care bodies, to families to fund 5 a to 5d.
9. What criteria are used to determine if external facilities/resources are used for treatments for children and CYP living with Cerebral Palsy?
10. Does the Hywel Dda LHB have enough resources and skills to treat all children 0-3 living with CP?
11. Does the Hywel Dda LHB have enough resources and skills to treat all children 4 - 19 living with CP?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not hold all of the information requested as the UHB works with Swansea Bay University Health Board (UHB) to treat and manage Cerebral Palsy (CP) in Children and Young People (CYP).

Therefore, we recommend that you redirect your request to the Freedom of Information Team in SBUHB, who may be able to help you further with your enquiry. Contact details are as follows:-

FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk or alternatively, you can contact: FOIA Team, Swansea Bay University Health Board, Health Board Headquarters, 1 Talbot Gateway, Port Talbot, SA12 7BR.

Whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance and provides what it holds below.

1. The UHB does not hold a strategy for the identification or management of CYP with CP.
2. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) covers any recorded information that is held by a public authority; recorded information includes printed documents, computer files, letters, emails, photographs, and sound or video recordings. The FoIA does not cover information on estimates, opinions or recommendations. The UHB has an obligation to provide information already in recorded form but cannot create new information to answer a question.
3. Not applicable.
4. The UHB does not have a strategy in place for the management of vulnerable children with neurological condition. However, the UHB does have robust safeguarding policies in place in line with All Wales safeguarding procedures.
5. Whilst no strategy is held, the UHB's Community Paediatrician is the medical lead for the CP register in Wales and participates in their meetings. Additionally, the Physiotherapy Service follow a clinical pathway based on the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Cerebral Palsy in Under twenty fives (25's) guidelines. Children have an annual physiotherapy review which supports signposting and the development of a management plan for each child.
6. Not applicable.
7. Not held.
8. Not held.
9. Not held.
10. & 11. Please see response to question 4.