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Subject:	Children's Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) diagnoses
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Requested:

1. How many children are currently waiting for an autism/ADHD diagnosis?
2. How many health professionals involved in the diagnosis are employed by the LHB?
3. Do you use other health boards/private companies as part of the diagnosis process, and if so, how much is going to the private sector?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) records data for Children and Young People (CYP) with ASD and ADHD on two (2) different systems, which is recorded and held in a different manner. Therefore, the UHB provides the information held in each system below.

1. The UHB confirms that three thousand three hundred and ninety-six (3,396) CYP are currently waiting an ASD assessment, as at 30 September 2024, and there are six hundred and ninety CYP currently waiting for an ADHD assessment, as at 8 October 2024.
2. The UHB confirms that all of the health professionals involved in the diagnosis of ASD and ADHD in CYP are employed by the UHB. The UHB provides within the table below the total Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) of staff that work within its ASD and ADHD services, as at 21 October 2024.

Service	WTE
ASD	10.59
ADHD	10.5

Please note:- ASD and ADHD only form part of the workloads for these staff.

3. The UHB confirms that it does not use private companies for the diagnosis of ASD but has one (1) contract with a private company for the diagnosis of ADHD. This contract commenced on 1 April 2023 and is due to complete on 31 March 2025. The contract was to initially undertake and complete three hundred and seventy-nine (379) ADHD assessments within this time period. However, an additional sixty-six (66) assessments were purchased, which are still to be completed.