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| <b>Reference:</b>       | FOI.16859.25                                   |
| <b>Subject:</b>         | Community Paediatric and Child Health Services |
| <b>Date of Request:</b> | 17 March 2025                                  |

**Requested:**

1. Please provide the total number of children waiting for community paediatric services between 2018-2025. Displayed as a total number per calendar year.
2. How many community paediatricians (FTE) are employed by your health board between 2018-2025. Displayed annually per calendar year.
3. Please provide the total number of children waiting for community allied health professional services between 2018-2025. Displayed annually per calendar year, and by service type.
4. How many children (0-18) are on waiting lists for neurodevelopmental services, between 2018-2025.

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides, within the table overleaf, the total number of children waiting for community paediatric services, during the 2018 to 2024 calendar years, along with data up until 17 March 2025.

| Year                      | Total |
|---------------------------|-------|
| 2018                      | 1,477 |
| 2019                      | 1,791 |
| 2020                      | 2,181 |
| 2021                      | 2,143 |
| 2022                      | 2,305 |
| 2023                      | 1,951 |
| 2024                      | 1,538 |
| 1 January – 17 March 2025 | 1,307 |

2. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of Full Time Equivalent (FTE) acute and community paediatricians that were employed, as recorded on the UHB's Electronic Staff Record (ESR) system, during the 2018 to 2024 calendar years, along with data up until 28 February 2025.

| Year                         | FTE   |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 2018                         | 42.30 |
| 2019                         | 42.80 |
| 2020                         | 42.79 |
| 2021                         | 38.79 |
| 2022                         | 41.97 |
| 2023                         | 43.69 |
| 2024                         | 45.53 |
| 1 January – 28 February 2025 | 45.18 |

\*Please note: junior doctors in training moved across to a different platform in 2020 so figures from then onwards do not include these staff members.

3. The UHB provides, within Attachment 1, the total number of children waiting for community allied health professional services, along with service type, as recorded on the UHB's Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS), during the 2018 to 2024 calendar years, along with data up until 28 February 2025.

Where the figures in attachment 1 have been replaced with an asterisk (\*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB has also replaced totals that could be used to calculate the redacted figure with a double asterisk (\*\*). The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the FoIA. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations, as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.

4. The UHB provides, within the table below, the number of children that are on waiting lists for neurodevelopmental conditions, broken down by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), during the 2018 to 2024 calendar years, along with data up until 31 January 2025 for ASD and 31 March 2025 for ADHD.

| <b>Year</b> | <b>ASD</b> | <b>ADHD</b> |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 2018        | 343        | 172         |
| 2019        | 449        | 382         |
| 2020        | 709        | 482         |
| 2021        | 1,158      | 479         |
| 2022        | 1,651      | 508         |
| 2023        | 2,388      | 625         |
| 2024        | 3,025      | 743         |
| 2025        | 3,658      | 822         |

\*Please note: figures provided for 2021 and 2022 for ADHD may not be accurately recorded, as ADHD was not captured as a clinical condition at this time which may impact these figures. Additionally, the difference in time frame for ASD & ADHD data for 2025 is due to different reporting systems that the services have and reflects the information as it is currently held.