

Reference:	FOI.15502.24
Subject:	Continuing Healthcare (CHC)
Date of Request:	27 September 2024

Requested:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on NHS Continuing Healthcare in the Hywel Dda University Health Board area in respect of people living with Progressive supranuclear palsy (PSP) and Corticobasal degeneration (CBD), sometimes referred to as corticobasal syndrome or CBS.

My specific questions are below:

1. Please confirm the number of people in the Hywel Dda University Health Board area with PSP and CBD who were receiving NHS Continuing Healthcare in the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024.
 - i. People with PSP
 - ii. People with CBD
2. Please confirm the number of applications for NHS Continuing Healthcare that the Hywel Dda University Health Board received in the years 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024 in respect of:
 - i. People with PSP
 - ii. People with CBD
3. Of the above applications for NHS Continuing Healthcare in respect of people with PSP and CBD, please confirm the number which were:
 - i. Approved (found eligible for Continuing Healthcare)
 - ii. Rejected (found ineligible for Continuing Healthcare)
4. Of the above applications for NHS Continuing Healthcare in respect of people with PSP and CBD that were approved, please confirm the number which were for Fast Track Continuing Healthcare.
 - i. People with PSP
 - ii. People with CBD
5. In respect of applications for Continuing Healthcare in respect of people with PSP and CBD that were rejected, please confirm the number of applications that rejected due to:
 - i. Failed initial assessment (NHS Continuing care checklist)
 - ii. Failed full assessment (CHC Decision Support Tool)
 - iii. Other (please specify)

To assist you in fulfilling this request, in ICD-10 (2019) PSP is coded as G23.1, and in ICD-11 (2024) it is coded as 8A00.10.

CBD does not have a distinct ICD code but may be recorded as corticobasal degeneration or corticobasal syndrome.

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 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 does not hold a central record of the conditions that individuals requiring CHC are diagnosed with. In order to provide you with the information requested, the UHB would be required to manually scrutinise patients’ records to identify those diagnosed with the requested conditions. During the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, the Long Term Care service approved nine hundred and twenty-eight (928) referrals for CHC; please note this number excludes any assessments undertaken within the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities team, Primary Care or Secondary Care services. Undertaking a manual trawl for these assessments alone is calculated to far exceed the appropriate limit.

928 records @ 15 minutes per record = 232 hours

232 hours @ £25 per hour = £5,800