

Reference:	FOI.9975.22
Subject:	Hyperactivity Disorder
Date of Request:	5 October 2022

Requested:

Please provide the following information about ADHD diagnosis in adults in Wales:

1. The average diagnosis waiting times for women compared to men
2. How many women have been diagnosed compared to men
 - a. over the past year and
 - b. in total on record.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested in relation to diagnosis, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate limit" represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

As the assessment process is unique for all individuals and a record of diagnosis is not held centrally, the UHB would therefore be required to conduct a manual trawl of patient records to identify the information requested. Based on the number of assessments conducted in total, one hundred and eighty one (181), the estimated cost of conducting the search would be:

181 patients @ 30 minutes per patient record = 90.5 hours
 90.5 hours @ £25 per hours = £2,262.50

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*.

Under Section 16 of the FOIA, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. The UHB will provide the information it holds in relation to assessments rather than diagnosis.

1. The table below provides the average wait time in weeks for both males and females to undergo an ADHD assessment within the UHB.

Gender	Average wait
Male	85
Female	61

2. The UHB provides within the table below the total number of assessments undertaken on male and female patients, along with the number of assessments conducted between 1 October 2021 and 30 September 2022.

Gender	1 year	Total
Male	82	99
Female	49	59

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