

Reference:	FOI.20839.26
Subject:	Learning Disabilities (LD)
Date of Request:	25 June 2026

Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding services for adults with learning disabilities and/or autism.

Where possible, please kindly include responses on the attached Excel spreadsheet.

1. Please could you supply the name, email address and telephone number of the commissioner with responsibility for learning disabilities placements?

For questions 2 to 4, please supply this information as a snapshot at the end of the year for the financial year 2025/26 and the most up to date snapshot available for 2026/27.

2. Please provide the total number of adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism funded by the Health Board in residential care.
3. Of the total number of adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism funded by the Health Board in residential care (q.2), please provide the number that are in 'in area' placements and the number that are in 'out of area' placements.
4. Please provide the total number of adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism funded by the Health Board in supported living.
5. Please provide the Health Board's total expenditure on residential care and supported living for adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism for the financial year 2025/26, and budgeted expenditure for 2026/27.
6. Please provide the highest, lowest, and average weekly rate paid by the Health Board for residential care placements for adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism for each of the financial years 2025/26 and 2026/27. If the Health Board has weekly rate bands, please also provide these.
7. Please provide the number of adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism funded by the Health Board in residential care with fees per week of:
 - a. Less than £1,500
 - b. £1,500 to £2,999
 - c. £3,000 to £4,999
 - d. £5,000 or more
8. Please provide a list of providers used by the Health Board to deliver long-term residential care to adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism. For each named provider, please provide both of the following for the same single month — the most recent full calendar month available (or, if a single month cannot be provided, the financial year 2025/26):
 - a. the number of such adults funded by the Health Board in long-term residential placements with that provider in that month; and
 - b. the Health Board's total gross expenditure with that provider for that month, including all payments for these placements (e.g. any block/core hours).

Please use the same month for (a) and (b) and confirm which month, so the two figures are directly comparable.

9. Does the Health Board consider there is sufficient local residential care provision to meet the needs of adults aged 18-64 with learning disabilities and/or autism who have a high level of complex needs, and which providers does the Health Board mainly use for these placements? What are the occupancy levels locally?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients for question 8a due to the low number (less than 5) and have therefore, replaced some of the figures with an asterisk (*), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA). This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR) 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.

However, 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 the information it holds within the attached spreadsheet as requested, at Attachment 1.