

<b>Reference:</b>	FOI.18785.25
<b>Subject:</b>	Neurodevelopmental assessment waiting times
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**Requested:**

1. How many adults are currently waiting for a neurodevelopmental (ND) assessment?
2. How many children are currently waiting for a neurodevelopmental (ND) assessment?
3. What is the average waiting time for children currently waiting for an ND assessment?
4. What is the average waiting time for adults currently waiting for an ND assessment?
5. What is the longest recorded wait for a child currently waiting for an ND assessment?
6. What is the longest recorded wait for an adult currently waiting for an ND assessment?
7. For each of the last five financial years, how many individuals waited:
  - a. over 26 weeks
  - b. over 52 weeks
  - c. over 104 weeks
  - d. over 156 weeks (three years)
 for their neurodevelopmental (ND) assessment to be completed?

If possible, please provide separate figures for children and adults.

**Response:**

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table below, the number of adults waiting for a Neurodevelopmental assessment, as at 31 October 2025.

Condition	Number
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	4,606
Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)	2,185

2. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of children and young people (CYP) waiting for a Neurodevelopmental assessment, as at 31 October 2025.

Condition	Number
ADHD	975
ASD	3,394

3. The UHB provides within the table below, the average wait time for a Neurodevelopmental assessment for CYP, as at 31 October 2025.

Condition	Wait time
ADHD	31 weeks
ASD	83 weeks

4. The UHB provides within the table below, the average wait time for a Neurodevelopmental assessment for adults, as at 31 October 2025.

Condition	Wait time
ADHD	96 weeks
ASD	101 weeks

5. The UHB provides within the table below, the longest wait time recorded for a Neurodevelopmental assessment for CYP, as at 31 October 2025.

Condition	Longest wait time
ADHD	78 weeks
ASD	185 weeks

6. The UHB provides within the table below, the longest wait time recorded for a Neurodevelopmental assessment for adults, as at 31 October 2025.

Condition	Longest wait time
ADHD	462 weeks
ASD	368 weeks

7. The UHB does not hold the information exactly as requested for both ADHD and ASD assessments for adults and ASD assessments for CYP, as it does not record the information requested for c and d separately. This information is recorded within the over fifty-two (52) weeks category. Therefore, the UHB provides within the tables overleaf, the number of adults and CYP that waited for their Neurodevelopmental assessment to be completed for the number of weeks listed, during the 2020/21 to 2024/25 financial years.

Where the figures in the table below have been replaced with an asterisk (\*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients (5 or less), 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. 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.

ADHD - CYP				
Financial year	Over 26 weeks	Over 52 weeks	Over 104 weeks	Over 156 weeks
2020/21	460	406	248	77
2021/22	469	386	300	182
2022/23	468	391	266	205
2023/24	357	236	127	*
2024/25	419	140	*	*

Please note: the data held for ADHD for CYP pre 2023 did not reliably capture the clinical conditions and wait times, therefore the numbers are provided as they were captured at the time and may not be a true reflection.

<b>ADHD - Adult</b>		
<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Over 26 weeks</b>	<b>Over 52 weeks</b>
<b>2020/21</b>	74	448
<b>2021/22</b>	235	654
<b>2022/23</b>	430	945
<b>2023/24</b>	720	1,885
<b>2024/25</b>	685	3,080

<b>ASD - Adult</b>		
<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Over 26 weeks</b>	<b>Over 52 weeks</b>
<b>2020/21</b>	95	46
<b>2021/22</b>	177	593
<b>2022/23</b>	243	910
<b>2023/24</b>	306	1,102
<b>2024/25</b>	313	1,447

<b>ASD - CYP</b>		
<b>Financial year</b>	<b>Over 26 weeks</b>	<b>Over 52 weeks</b>
<b>2020/21</b>	251	724
<b>2021/22</b>	452	928
<b>2022/23</b>	482	1,564
<b>2023/24</b>	457	2,186
<b>2024/25</b>	527	2,367