

Reference:	FOI.19261.26
Subject:	Neurodevelopmental (ND) services
Date of Request:	8 January 2026

Requested:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to neurodevelopmental services (including autism, ADHD and combined ND pathways) commissioned by Hywel Dda UHB:

1. Contract list

For all current neurodevelopmental service contracts (including diagnostic, waiting list initiatives, support services and Right to Choose arrangements) please provide a table with:

- a. Contract title / service name
- b. Brief service description (e.g. CYP autism diagnosis, adult ADHD, ND support service)
- c. Age group(s) covered
- d. Provider organisation name
- e. Contract start date
- f. Initial contract end date
- g. Any extension options (duration)
- h. Annual contract value and total maximum contract value (if different)
- i. Procurement route used (e.g. open competition, provider selection regime, direct award, framework call-off)
- j. Whether the contract is place-based, ICB-wide, or joint with the local authority

2. Contract documentation

For each contract listed above, please provide:

- The service specification / schedule, including any KPIs or performance measures (for example, waiting-time targets, activity volumes, quality indicators)
- Any published contract award notice or summary (if available)

If you consider some commercial details exempt from disclosure, please provide the remainder of the document with only the specific exempt passages redacted and cite the exemption relied upon.

3. Commissioning responsibility

Please provide:

- The job title of the senior commissioner with overall responsibility for neurodevelopmental (autism/ADHD) services for adults
- The name of the current postholder(s)
- The generic team email address(es) to be used for correspondence relating to these services.

If you are able to disclose a direct contact email for these postholders, please do so; if not, please confirm that the generic team mailbox is the appropriate contact route.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) has applied an exemption under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) to question 1h, as the costs requested relate to third parties and disclosure of this information would be prejudicial to their commercial interests. Section 43(2) exempts information, where disclosure would or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any company.

Commercial interests may be prejudiced where disclosure would, or would be likely to:

- Weaken a company's position in a competitive environment by revealing market sensitive information or information of potential usefulness to its competitors.
- Damage a company's business reputation or the confidence that customers/users, suppliers or investors may have in it.

This exemption is qualified; therefore, even if information falls within Section 43, public authorities must then apply the public interest test set out in Section 2(2)(b).

The information can only be withheld if the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

The UHB has therefore considered the following:

In favour of disclosure: There is a public interest in transparency and in the accountability of public funds. Furthermore, it is in the public's interest that public funds be used effectively and that public sector bodies obtain the best value for money when contracting for the provision of services.

Against Disclosure: Disclosure of this information would have a direct impact upon and may cause substantial harm to the provider, as it would disclose their pricing, and it would be likely that this would damage their ability to work within a highly competitive sector. The information being requested is likely to be used by their competitors to gain a competitive advantage.

Decision: The UHB has decided that releasing all of the information under the FoIA, to which the UHB is subject, will give an unfair advantage to the provider's competitors. The UHB believes that there is a wider established public interest in companies not being prejudiced merely because they have contracted with a public sector body, and that there is a public interest in ensuring that there is competition for public sector contracts.

The UHB considers that the public interest in withholding the contract costs for its Neurodevelopmental Service providers, is greater than the interest in disclosing it.

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 below.

1. The UHB has contracted ND services with two (2) providers and provides the information requested within the tables below:

a.	Contract title / service name	Neurology (Treatment of Nervous Systems)
b.	Brief service description	Neurology - new outpatient assessment and diagnosis with the option for a follow up appointment if required
c.	Age group(s) covered	Adults and geriatrics
d.	Provider organisation name	Medinet Wales
e.	Contract start date	1 August 2024
f.	Initial contract end date	31 March 2025
g.	Any extension options (duration)	2 extension options: 31 March 2026 and 31 March 2027

h. s	Annual contract value	Section 43 exemption applied.
i.	Procurement route used	Mini Competition
j.	Contract type	Place based contract

Please note: the contract start and end dates provided above differ from those in Attachment 1 as the Neurology (Treatment of Nervous Systems) schedule was produced at the pre-tender stage and the dates changed during the tender process.

a.	Contract title / service name	Neurophysiology (Treatment of Nervous Systems)
b.	Brief service description	Neurophysiology services for diagnostic Electromyography
c.	Age group(s) covered	Adults, Geriatrics and Paediatrics
d.	Provider organisation name	Mediservices Healthcare Ltd
e.	Contract start date	1 February 2025
f.	Initial contract end date	31 March 2025
g.	Any extension options (duration)	2 extension options: 31 March 2026 and 31 March 2027
h.	Annual contract value	Section 43 exemption applied.
i.	Procurement route used	Mini Competition
j.	Contract type	Place based contract

- The UHB provides copies of the Neurology Service Schedule Specifications for each contract detailed above, at Attachments 1 and 2.
- The UHB provides below, the name, job title and contact email address for the manager with overall responsibility for its adult ND Services:

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