

Reference:	FOI.17755.25
Subject:	Neurodevelopmental services for Children and Young People (CYP)
Date of Request:	9 July 2025

Requested:

CAMHS services/neurodevelopmental assessment services for Children and Young People.

1. The number of young people on your waiting list for a first appointment (assessment) as of the date of this email or nearest available.
2. The average length of time young people are currently waiting between referral and first appointment (assessment)
3. The average length of time young people are currently waiting between initial referral and first therapeutic intervention.
4. How many young people assessed were not offered follow up treatment at CAMHS in the year 2024-25, as a number and a proportion of the total of young people assessed?
5. The longest time any young person has been on your current waiting list (as of the date of the receipt of this email or nearest)
6. The average wait between referral and assessment for neurodevelopmental/ neurodiverse conditions on the date of this request or nearest available data.
7. The number of young people on the waiting list for neurodevelopmental/neurodiverse assessments on the date of this request or nearest available data.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of 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 (Appropriate Limit and Fees) 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.

The UHB does not routinely record a wait time between referral and first therapeutic intervention for CYP with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). The UHB would therefore need to undertake a trawl of patient records to identify any therapeutic interventions patients may have been referred to before conducting a further search to identify a wait time.

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.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, we are required as a public authority, to provide advice and assistance so far as it is reasonable to individuals who have made a request under the FoIA, this can include assisting a requester to further refine their request.

In relation to the ADHD data requested under question 3, the UHB would be able to further consider your request if you were able to identify specific therapeutic interventions. Refining your request by providing the names of therapeutic interventions, would enable the service to identify whether an intervention is offered by them, before scrutinising accessible records to identify any further information that may fulfil your request.

Aside from the Section 12 exemption detailed above, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds for your further questions, below.

1. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of CYP on the waiting list for an ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and a Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) first appointment, as at 30 June 2025 (the most recent date available).

CYP service	Number
CAMHS	93
ASD	3,436
ADHD	1,071

2. The UHB provides within the table below, the average number of weeks a CYP is waiting, from referral to a first ADHD, ASD and CAMHS appointment, as at 30 June 2025.

CYP service	Weeks
CAMHS	4
ASD	182
ADHD	52

3. A Section 12 exemption has been applied to the CYP ADHD information. Additionally, the UHB does not hold the information requested for CYP ASD as the service is assessment only.

However, under Section 16, the UHB confirms that the average wait from referral to a first therapeutic intervention for CYP within CAMHS, is twelve (12) weeks, as at 30 June 2025.

4. The UHB does not hold the information requested for CYP ADHD as it does not have a follow up pathway to CAMHS. Additionally, the UHB does not hold the information requested for CYP ASD as the service is assessment only.

However, the UHB provides within the table below, the number and percentage of CYP assessed by the CAMHS that were not offered follow up treatment, during the 2024/25 financial year.

CYP service	Number	Percentage
CAMHS	305	18.9%

5. The UHB provides within the table below, the current longest time in weeks a CYP has waited for ADHD, ASD and CAMHS initial assessment, as at 30 June 2025.

CYP service	Weeks
CAMHS	7
ASD	294
ADHD	78

6. Please see response to question 2.

7. Please see response to question 1.