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Requested:

Data on patients who are waiting to start an Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) or Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) neurodevelopment assessment (children and young people aged 17 years 6 months and under).

As a point of reference I have included an all Wales census snapshot as an attachment.

1. I'd like a census snapshot from 1st of September 2025 with the following breakdown for each snapshot:
 - a. Number of patients waiting 0-364 days (0-1 year)
 - b. Number of patients waiting 365 - 729 days (1-2 years)
 - c. Number of patients waiting 730 – 1094 days (2-3 years)
 - d. Number of patients waiting 1095 – 1459 days (3-4 years)
 - e. Number of patients waiting 1460 days + (4 years+)
 - f. Total number waiting
2. Please could I also ask for the longest wait time (in days) for an individual who is currently on the waiting list for assessment.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table overleaf, the number of Children and Young People who were awaiting an ADHD and ASD neurodevelopment assessment, as at 1 September 2025.

Q	Years	ADHD	ASD
a.	0 - 1	937	1,115
b.	1 - 2	169	1,009
c.	2 - 3	*	957
d.	3 - 4	0	274
e.	4 years+	0	0
f.	Total	**	3,355

Where the figures within the above table have been replaced with an asterisk (*), the UHB is unable to provide you with the exact number of patients due to the low number of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. The UHB has also replaced the total with a double asterisk (**) as that could be used to calculate the redacted figure. The UHB is therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the FoIA. This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) / UK General Data Protection Regulations, 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.

2. The UHB provides within the table below, the longest wait time for an individual on the waiting list for an assessment, split by ADHD and ASD, as at 27 July 2026.

Condition	Days
ADHD	749
ASD	1,281