

Reference:	FOI.18552.25
Subject:	Paediatric epilepsy
Date of Request:	9 October 2025

Requested:

1. The current waiting times for a first paediatric neurology or epilepsy appointment, for a patient referred today
2. The number of paediatric epilepsy specialist nurses currently employed full-time or part-time (FTE equivalent and total number of staff)
3. The number of paediatric neurologists, consultant paediatricians, psychologists currently supporting the paediatric epilepsy service?
4. What is the caseload for each paediatric epilepsy specialist nurse?
5. What is the wait time for key diagnostic procedures, EEG telemetry or MRI?
6. How many children receive a new epilepsy diagnosis per year within the paediatric clinic?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that the longest wait for a first paediatric epilepsy appointment is currently twenty-two (22) weeks.
2. The UHB confirms that it currently employs a Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) of 0.67 Specialist Nurse. A further 0.67 WTE Specialist Nurse vacancy is currently out to advert.
3. The UHB confirms that it currently employs three (3) Community Paediatricians and two (2) Acute Paediatricians within Children services that directly support paediatric epilepsy.
4. The UHB confirms that the current nurse led epilepsy case load for paediatric patients is twenty-one (21) new cases and nineteen (19) follow up cases, as recorded on the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS).
5. The UHB provides within the table below, the current wait times for Electroencephalogram (EEG), Telemetry and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), across the UHB for all patients.

Diagnostic procedure	Wait time
EEG	5 months
Telemetry	4 months
MRI	Urgent Suspected Cancer: 3-4 weeks Urgent: 6-8 weeks Routine: 20 weeks

6. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of new appointments for paediatric patients with clinical condition containing the words 'epilepsy' or 'seizure' recorded on the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS), for the 2022 to 2024 calendar years.
Please note: three (3) years of data has been provided as no date range specified.

Calendar year	Number
2022	212
2023	219
2024	248