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Subject:	Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (sCAMHS) service
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Requested:

1. How many learning disability child and adolescent mental health services are there within your health board?
2. Where are these teams located and could we please have contact details.
3. What is the size of the population serviced by each of these teams?
4. What clinical disciplines are in each of these services?
5. How many of each banding?
6. Do they offer prescribing of psychotropic medication? – is this then completed by psychiatry or non-medical prescribers?
7. What age range do the teams work with?

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) does not have a standalone Learning Disabilities (LD) sCAMHS. The UHB's sCAMHS provides a limited specialist medical consultation function for children and young people (CYP) up to the age of eighteen (18) years old with LD and associated mental health needs. This is provided via a single-session Consultant Psychiatrist advisory service accessed via the sCAMHS Single Point of Contact (SPOC) by telephoning the NHS 111 service.
2. The UHB has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), as this information is already in the public domain and is accessible by another means. Contact details for the sCAMHS is available on the UHB's website. A link to the relevant webpage has been provided below:

[Specialist child and adolescent mental health service \(sCAMHS\) - Hywel Dda University Health Board](#)
3. The UHB's sCAMHS provides mental health support for approximately 70,000 to 75,000 CYP across the UHB's geographical area.
4. Please see response to question 2. In addition, for CYP with LD the UHB provides one (1) medical session dedicated to consultation with a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist with expertise in LD. No multidisciplinary team is attached to this provision.
5. The UHB does not hold the information requested. Please see responses to questions 1 and 4.
6. The UHB confirms that the Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist does not prescribe directly as the role is advisory only. Providing specialist advice to medical colleagues, primarily

paediatricians, regarding psychotropic medication. Prescribing responsibility remains with the referring medical practitioner.

7. Please see response to question 1.