

Reference:	FOI.16026.24
Subject:	Waiting times
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Requested:

Please can I request the following statistics from your health board under the Freedom of Information Act.

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 2019, 1st of September 2020, 1st of September 2021, 1st of September 2022, 1st of September 2023 and 1st of September 2024 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) does not hold the information exactly as requested. Therefore, the UHB provides the number of Children and Young People (CYP) and the wait in weeks for an initial Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and an Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) neurodevelopment assessment, within the tables below, as at 1 September for the requested years.

ADHD	As at 1 September					
Weeks waiting	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<11 weeks	12	6	47	49	86	150
12-17 weeks	14	7	5	19	60	71
18-25 weeks	22	14	10	14	43	99
26-35 weeks	23	29	18	13	40	123
36-51 weeks	55	48	23	27	33	123
> 52 weeks	153	263	268	280	138	138

ASD	As at 1 September					
Weeks waiting	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<11 weeks	133	117	165	153	160	193
12-17 weeks	65	50	89	128	129	136

18-25 weeks	78	79	147	167	156	153
26-35 weeks	90	115	150	233	197	207
36-51 weeks	54	198	164	275	270	246
> 52 weeks	194	474	712	1,235	1,846	2,391

Please note: the data collection and reporting for ADHD has been developed and improved over recent years.

- The UHB provides the longest wait time, in days, that a CYP has been currently waiting for an ADHD and an ASD assessment, as at 30 November 2024.

Assessment	Longest wait
ADHD	1,670 days
ASD	1,705 days