

Reference:	FOI.10782.23
Subject:	Wheelchair waiting lists
Date of Request:	25 January 2023

Requested:

1. How many people under the age of 18 are currently on an NHS waiting list for a wheelchair within your health board?
 - 1b. Of these on an NHS waiting list for a wheelchair within your health board, how many are over 10 years old?
 - 1c. Of these on an NHS waiting list for a wheelchair within your health board, how many are waiting for their first wheelchair?
 - 1d. Of these on an NHS waiting list for a wheelchair within your health board, how many are waiting for their second wheelchair?
2. How many people under the age of 18 have been on the NHS waiting list for a wheelchair within your health board for more than 12 months and are still currently waiting.
 - 2a. Of these, how many are waiting for their first wheelchair within your health board?
 - 2b. Of these, how many are waiting for their second wheelchair within your health board?
3. What is the longest period of time a patient under the age of 18 has been on the NHS waiting list for a wheelchair within your health board?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with 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 and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate limit" represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with all of the data being requested, the UHB would need to undertake a manual search of all Paediatric patient records, to identify any information that would fulfil your request, as this is not recorded centrally.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the 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.

Posture and Mobility services for South Wales are hosted by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (CAVUHB) and are hosted by Betsi Cadwaladr University (BCUHB) Health Board for North Wales. We therefore recommend that you redirect your request to the Freedom of Information Teams in CAVUHB and BCUHB, who may be able to help you with your enquiry. The contact details are as follows:-

FOI.Requests@wales.nhs.uk or alternatively, you can contact: FoI Team, CAVUHB, Heath Park, Cardiff, CF14 4XW.

bcu.foi@wales.nhs.uk or alternatively, you can contact: Information Governance Office, BCUHB, Wrexham Maelor Hospital, Croesnewydd Road, Wrexham, LL13 7TD.