

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.041.24

31 October 2024

Sent via email to: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information which was received on 26 September 2024 and subsequent clarification received on 8 October 2024, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) partly holds the information that you require. For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows.

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I would like to gather data on ADHD waiting times across the LHBs in Wales. I would like information on how many referrals are received from GPs into secondary care and how long patients are waiting from the referral being accepted to the first consultation by an ADHD specialist. I would like this information for adults and children.

Clarification Requested:

Please can you confirm the time period for this request, e.g. data for the last financial year, data for the last month etc.

Clarification Received:

I would like it for 2024 up to current time, and the past 2 years– 2023 and 2022.

Powys Response:

I can confirm Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) are unable to provide the data for the Childrens Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). The Childrens Neurodevelopmental service in PTHB receives referrals from General Practitioners (GPs) for the assessment of Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and ADHD. We are unable to differentiate between the two at the point of referral therefore the data would not be correct. At referral, we are also unable to determine whether the child will be diagnosed with ADHD or ASD or indeed both.

This would also apply to the average wait. We are unable to differentiate between ASD and ADHD at the point of referral as referrals are made to the Neurodevelopmental service, therefore it will not be possible to provide the data as requested.

Please see the table below for the number of ADHD referrals received into Powys Teaching Health Boards (PTHB) from GP's. Please Note: The ADHD service is Primary Care (Tier 1) and not Secondary care. Please also Note: The Adult ADHD service commenced in May 2023.

Adults Service	
Year	Number of referrals received
May 2023 – March 2024	684
2024 – 2025	294

Please see the table below for the waiting times from the referral being accepted to the first consultation by an ADHD specialist for the adult service within PTHB.

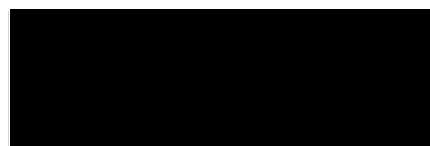
Adults Service	
Year	Number of days
2023 – 2024	435
2024 – 2025	319

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 0330 414 6421.

Yours sincerely

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.