

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.479.25

18 September 2025

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 August 2025, to confirm, in accordance with S.1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does hold the information that you require.

For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows each question individually.

### Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request and Powys Response (Bold):

Please provide the following information, broken down by financial year (e.g., 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25) and separated for adults and children/young people:

Q1. The average waiting time from initial referral to the first diagnostic assessment for autism - **Please see the table below for the average waiting time from initial referral to the first diagnostic assessment for autism:**

	Adults	Children/Young People
<b>2022/ 2023</b>	<b>74 weeks</b>	<b>35 weeks</b>
<b>2023/ 2024</b>	<b>104 weeks</b>	<b>40 weeks</b>
<b>2024/ 2025</b>	<b>156 weeks</b>	<b>50 weeks</b>

Q2. The longest waiting time from initial referral to the first diagnostic assessment for autism - **Please see the table below for the longest waiting time from initial referral to the first diagnostic assessment for autism:**

	Adults	Children/Young People
<b>2022/ 2023</b>	<b>74 weeks</b>	<b>134 weeks</b>
<b>2023/ 2024</b>	<b>104 weeks</b>	<b>76 weeks</b>
<b>2024/ 2025</b>	<b>156 weeks</b>	<b>107 weeks</b>

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Q3. The total number of individuals currently on the waiting list for an autism diagnosis - **Children's service: As of 31 August 2025, 1022 children and young people are on the waiting list for an autism diagnosis.**

**Adult's service: I can confirm that there are 409 individuals currently on the waiting list for an autism diagnosis. However, 62 individuals are currently waiting to be triaged to be placed on the waiting list.**

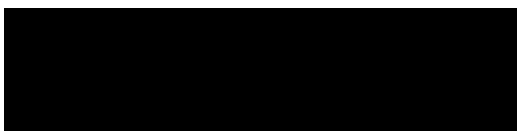
Q4. The number of new referrals for an autism diagnosis received each year - **Please see the table below for the number of new referrals for an autism diagnosis received each year:**

	<b>Adults</b>	<b>Children/Young People</b>
<b>2022/ 2023</b>	<b>Data not held.</b>	<b>661</b>
<b>2023/ 2024</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>774</b>
<b>2024/ 2025</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>737</b>

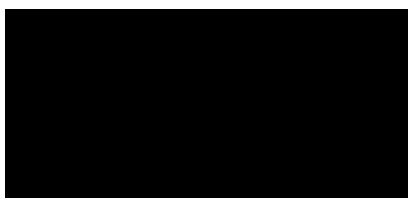
Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information procedure, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request, please contact us directly at the address below or register your complaint via [Powys.FOI@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Powys.FOI@wales.nhs.uk)

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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**Director of Midwifery, Women and Family**

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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.