

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.609.25

30 December 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 03 December 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 the Health Board's response follows each question individually.

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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information: Please see details of the information requested below pertaining to data held between April 2018 and March 2025.

Q1. Number of Autism Assessments undertaken by the health board – **Please see the table below. Please note for 2022/23 quarter 2 adult service data is missing and not held within our system.**

Adults service						
2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<b>Information not held.</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>89</b>

Children's service						
2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<b>Information not held.</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>537</b>

Q2. Number of assessments with a positive/ confirmed outcome – **Please see the table below. Please note for 2022/ 23 quarter 2 adult service data is missing and not held within our system.**

Adults service
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Pencadlys  
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Aberhonddu, Powys LD3 0LU  
Ffôn: 01874 711661



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Glasbury House, Bronllys Hospital  
Brecon, Powys LD3 0LU  
Tel: 01874 711661

2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<b>31</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>67</b>

Children's service						
2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<b>I can confirm that the use of the Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS) was extended in 2025/26 to enable the Neurodevelopmental Service to record outcomes and capture the data required here. Prior to this, coding was used inconsistently by paediatricians, which would not have produced sufficiently accurate or reliable data for reporting purposes</b>						

Q3. The number of authorised assessors employed by the health board for each year.

Adults service	
<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2019/20</b>	<b>There were 3 assessors at the beginning of the year. This went down to 2 assessors for quarter 2 and there were no assessors for quarter 4.</b>
<b>2020/21</b>	<b>There were no assessors until September 2020. This increased to 1 assessor for the September – February 2021 period and then up to three assessors for the end of quarter 4.</b>
<b>2021/22</b>	<b>There were 3 assessors which then increased to 4 assessors in quarter 3.</b>
<b>2022/23</b>	<b>There were 4 assessors, dropping to 3 assessors within the Quarter 1. Increased back to 4 assessors in quarter 4.</b>
<b>2023/24</b>	<b>There were 5 assessors, dropping to 3 assessors in quarter 2.</b>
<b>2024/25</b>	<b>3 assessors and increased to 4 assessors in quarter 4.</b>

Children's service						
2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
2	2	3	3	3	5	9

**The above figures reflect core team members and represent the maximum established core staffing levels within the specified period. Increased staffing implemented during 2024/25 were supported by temporary funding and therefore comprised fixed-term contracts and secondments. In addition, a wider group of colleagues across CAMHS and Therapies have received training to support assessment activity and provide a limited but regular contribution, with capacity to offer additional hours where operationally feasible.**

Q4. Autism Assessment waiting list figures at the end of each financial year.

Adults service						
2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25

<b>35</b> <b>patients</b> <b>referred.</b> <b>*</b>	<b>52</b> <b>patients</b> <b>referred.</b> <b>*</b>	<b>60</b> <b>patients</b> <b>referred.</b> <b>*</b>	<b>93</b> <b>patients</b> <b>referred.</b> <b>*</b>	<b>33</b> <b>patients</b> <b>referred.</b> <b>*</b>	<b>95</b> <b>patients</b> <b>referred.</b> <b>201</b> <b>patients in</b> <b>total on</b> <b>the list.</b>	<b>176</b> <b>patients</b> <b>referred.</b> <b>358</b> <b>patients in</b> <b>total on the</b> <b>list.</b>
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**\* Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) are unable to provide the number of patients already on the waiting list.**

Children's service						
2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	<b>136</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>1106</b>

**Please note, whilst the service was not formally reporting on the waiting list at the end of the financial year 2019 - 2022, this information has been gleaned from individual reports written between March and May of those years and are therefore approximations.**

Q5. The name of the organisation making the referral to the health board for assessment or, if a private individual, "private". – **Please see the table below. PTHB adults service are unable to provide the breakdown requested. However, we have broken the data down by the number of referrals received individuals and professionals. Please note these are referrals for both diagnostic assessment and for support for those already diagnosed.**

Adults service	
2018/19	<b>Data not collected.</b>
2019/20	<b>5 from parent/ carers.</b> <b>55 from professionals</b> <b>35 self-referrals</b>
2020/21	<b>3 from parent/ carers.</b> <b>45 from professional.</b> <b>41 self-referrals.</b> <b>6 from unknown sources</b>
2021/22	<b>2 from parent/carers.</b> <b>54 from professionals.</b> <b>37 self-referrals.</b> <b>3 from unknown sources.</b>
2022/23	<b>3 from parent/ carers.</b> <b>66 from professionals.</b> <b>39 from self-referrals.</b> <b>5 from unknown sources.</b>
2023/24	<b>4 from parent/ carers.</b> <b>166 from professionals.</b> <b>83 self-referrals.</b> <b>10 from unknown sources.</b>
2024/25	<b>6 from parent/carers.</b>

	<b>112 from professionals.</b> <b>108 from self-referrals.</b> <b>14 from unknown sources.</b>
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Children's service	
2018/19	<b>293 from a Professional</b> <b>2 from a Parent</b> <b>1 from an Other/ Not Known source</b>
2019/20	<b>286 from a Professional</b> <b>4 from a Parent</b> <b>15 from an Other/ Not Known source</b>
2020/21	<b>181 from a Professional</b> <b>2 from a Parent</b> <b>23 from an Other/ Not Known source</b>
2021/22	<b>1 from a self-referral</b> <b>344 from a Professional</b> <b>3 from a Parent</b> <b>14 from an Other/ Not Known source</b>
2022/23	<b>3 from a self-referral</b> <b>645 from a Professional</b> <b>14 from an Other/ Not Known source</b>
2023/24	<b>1 from a transfer</b> <b>22 from a self-referral</b> <b>737 from a Professional</b> <b>8 from a Parent</b> <b>7 from an Other/ Not Known source</b>
2024/25	<b>2 from a transfer</b> <b>2 from a self-referral</b> <b>698 from a Professional</b> <b>32 from a Parent</b> <b>4 from an Other/ Not Known source</b>

Q6. Budgetary allowance for each year and actual expenditure for each year for Autism assessment services. **Please see FOI.609.25 Attachment 1 for PTHB response.**

Q7. Additionally, if possible;

- the first part of postcode of the client assessed (i.e. "SA14", or;
- the home town of the client, or;
- the location of the assessment.

Adults service						
Q7c. Location of the assessment						
2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Newtown Hospital,</b></li> <li><b>Bronllys Hospital,</b></li> <li><b>Clients home (most infrequent location)</b></li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Virtual assessments began (COVID-19).</b></li> <li><b>Newtown Hospital and</b></li> <li><b>Bronllys Hospital.</b></li> </ul>				

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Q7c. Location of the assessment						
2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<b>Assessments are undertaken in pan Powys PTHB locations of Brecon, Llandrindod and Newtown.</b>						

If you have queries or any concerns, contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request and wish to ask for a review of this, please contact us and we will arrange for this to be done.

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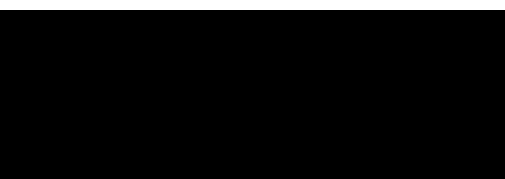
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Yours sincerely



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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.