

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.396.25

14 August 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 09 July 2025 and subsequent clarification received on 23 July 2025 and 30 July 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.

### Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request:

I am writing to request information under the FOI Act about your CAMHS services/neurodevelopmental assessment services for Children and Young People. If you cannot provide this information, please tell me where I can find it. Please tell me:

Q1. The number of young people on your waiting list for a first appointment (assessment) as of the date of this email or nearest available.

Q2. The average length of time young people are currently waiting between referral and first appointment (assessment)

Q3. The average length of time young people are currently waiting between initial referral and first therapeutic intervention.

Q4. How many young people assessed were not offered follow up treatment at CAMHS in the year 2024-25, as a number and a proportion of the total of young people assessed?

Q5. The longest time any young person has been on your current waiting list (as of the date of the receipt of this email or nearest)

Q6. The average wait between referral and assessment for neurodevelopmental/ neurodiverse conditions on the date of this request or nearest available data.

Q7. The number of young people on the waiting list for neurodevelopmental/ neurodiverse assessments on the date of this request or nearest available data.

Clarification Requested:

Q1- 6. Please can you confirm if you require data just for CAMHS or whether you require a response from CAHMS as well as the Neurodevelopmental Service.

Q2, 4 & 7. Please can you confirm whether you require the average wait time of those currently still waiting or the final wait time for children/young people who have had an assessment/intervention.

We wish to also inform you that within Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and Neurodevelopment (ND) are two separate services with independent waiting lists.

The number waiting for each service and the wait times for each service are vastly different. In light of this, please can you confirm whether you wish to receive the data as a combined response which will not accurately reflect data for either service or if you would prefer us to provide separate data for CAHMS and Neurodevelopment services.

Clarification Received:

Q1-6: Yes, please provide a single figure for the average over both services if possible.

Q2, 4 and 7: Those still waiting please.

Thank you for your email, would you be able to provide both please?

Powys Response:

Please Note: Q2, Q4 & Q7: The waits provided are the average wait of those still on the list as of 30 June 2025. Some of these patients will have been waiting just days whereas others will have been waiting considerably longer. These values are not an accurate reflection of the actual wait time to be seen.

Q1. The number of young people on our waiting list for a first appointment (assessment) for Neurodevelopmental (ND) services as of 30 June 2025 was 1027. The number for CAHMS services was 26.

Q2. The average current wait for assessment from date of referral in ND services was 51 weeks. The average current wait in CAMHS services was 1 week.

Q3. The average current wait for therapeutic intervention from date of referral in ND services was 64 weeks. The average current wait in CAMHS services was 10 weeks.

Q4. I can confirm that 6 (1.7%) young people were discharged following an initial assessment in ND. I can confirm that 101 (13.8%) young people were discharged following an initial assessment in CAMHS.

Q5. The longest wait on our current waiting list for ND services was 99 weeks. The longest wait longest wait for CAHMS was 5 weeks.

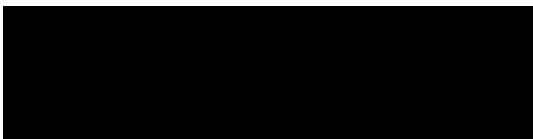
Q6. The average current wait between referral and assessment for ND services was 51 weeks. The average current wait for CAMHS services was 1 week.

Q7. Please see response to Q1.

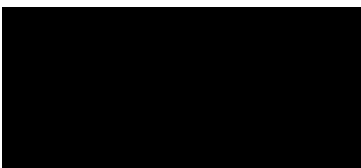
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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: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