

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.247.25

23 April 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 24 March 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:

Please may I ask the following questions under the FOIA?

Q1. Do you have local provisions for all to receive NHS Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) services? If no, and if relevant, under the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence Guidelines, please detail on alternate services the NHS will fund.

Q2. The current waiting time for NHS adult ADHD diagnosis.

Q3. The current waiting time for NHS child ADHD diagnosis.

Q4. Number of adults on waiting list for ADHD diagnosis.

Q5. Number of children on waiting list for ADHD diagnosis.

Q6. Based on the individual who is currently on the waiting list, what is the longest so far a patient has been waiting for an ADHD diagnosis?

Q7. How are the waiting lists ordered? Is it a first come first served basis? Or are patients added based on the scale of how symptoms affect them? Once on the waiting list, is their position fixed or can they be moved up or down?

Q8. If a patient moves out of your region, are they removed from the waiting list?

Q9. If a patient moves into the region, are they inserted at the bottom of the waiting list?

Q10. Budget value in GBP and percentage allocated to ADHD services

Q11. Budget value in GBP and percentage allocated to any other SEN services.

Q12. Do your services operate under "right to choose?"

Q13a. If relevant, what is the cost to the NHS of using private practices for diagnosis?

Q13b. Do you accept private diagnoses and shared care?

Q14. How many staff are trained to diagnose and treat ADHD in your region.

Q15. How many staff are trained to diagnose and treat any other disorder giving rise to Special Educational Needs (SEN) in your region.

Q16. Are you making any improvements to these services / do you have plans to improve these services?

Q17. Does the region have targets relating to ADHD care and the aforementioned points? If so what are these? Are they being met?

Powys Response:

Q1. I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) does have local provisions for all to receive NHS Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) services.

Q2. I can confirm the current wait time for NHS adult ADHD diagnosis is 16 months.

Q3. We are unable to specify the current wait for children to be assessed for ADHD as we are a holistic Neurodevelopmental service. There is currently a two year wait for children awaiting a Neurodevelopmental (ND) assessment.

Q4. I can confirm there are currently 604 adults on the list for ADHD diagnosis.

Q5. We are unable to specify the number of children awaiting an ADHD assessment as we are a holistic ND service. As of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025, there are 1109 children awaiting a ND assessment.

Q6. The longest wait time for an ADHD diagnosis was 13 months for adults. We are unable to specify the longest wait for children to be assessed for ADHD as we are a holistic ND service.

Q7. All adult referrals are triaged by the clinicians and the type of assessment depends on their severity. All children are seen in order of referral time unless they meet the criteria for expediting.

Q8. If an adult patient moves out of county, the patient is also removed from the waiting list if they do not reside in Powys. Any child would be removed from the waiting list and transferred over to the new Health Board/ Trust.

Q9. Yes. However if there is already an open NHS referral from another county, we will honour the original referral date. If there is no current referral in place, then the individual will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. Yes, the neurodevelopment services will honour the original referral date.

Q10. Please see the table below for PTHB budget value and percentage allocated to ADHD services.

Adult services Financial year 2024-2025	£	%
Recurrent Budget that relates to ADHD	£174,212	100
Non recurrent funding 2425 Regional Integration Fund ADHD	£139,565	100
Total	£313,777	

Childrens services financial year 2024-2025	£	%
Recurrent Budget that relates to Autism and ADHD services unable to split by % between Autism & ADHD	£266,830	100
Non recurrent funding 2425 Regional Integration Fund unable to split by % between Autism & ADHD	£211,833	100
Non recurrent funding Welsh Government Waiting lists ADHD & Autism unable to split by % between Autism & ADHD	£265,018	100
Total	£743,681	

Q11. Please see the table below for PTHB budget value and percentage allocated to SEN services.

Adult services Financial year 2024-2025	£	%
Recurrent Budget that relates to Autism services	£430,872	100

Q12. I can confirm PTHB do not offer the right to choose for both adult and neurodevelopment service.

Q13a. The table below indicates the costs to PTHB during 2024-25 in relation to children's services. Please note there were no adult services costs:

Childrens services financial year 24-25	£
Private practice cost in 24-25 (this will cover ADHD and Autism we are unable to split costs)	£225,250

Q13b. Within the adult services, all referrals from those with a private diagnosis will need to be seen by our clinicians to confirm diagnosis. For the Neurodevelopment Service, any private diagnosis would need to go through our ND panel for ratification. It would be a multidisciplinary team (MDT) decision whether they could be accepted.

Q14. I can confirm we have five staff trained to diagnose and treat ADHD within Powys adult and Children's services.

Q15. None within the Adult service. Within the ND service we have three Community Paediatricians.

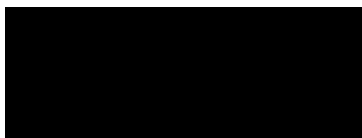
Q16. I can confirm reviews are currently being undertaken to improve our services with plans in place to improve and introduce training to all staff.

Q17. I can confirm we are not under any treatment time targets for ADHD. Within our ND service, recent Welsh Government Waiting list initiatives PTHB met expectations and continue to have Statutory Referral To Treatment (RTT) waits of 25 weeks.

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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.