

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.143.26

01 May 2026

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 1 April 2026, 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 the Health Board's response follows each question individually.

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

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

#### Autism diagnoses

Q1. For each calendar year 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026, please provide the total number of children (under 18) who received a confirmed diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) during that period. Please present the figures broken down by calendar year - **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 (2018/19–2024/25), coding was used inconsistently by paediatricians, which would not have produced sufficiently accurate or reliable data for reporting purposes.**

#### **For the period 1 January - 31 March 2026:**

**- 9 patients received an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) diagnosis.**

#### Autism referrals (demand)

Q2. For each calendar year 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 1 January 2026 to 31 March 2026, please provide the total number of new referrals received for an autism diagnostic assessment for children (under 18 years of age). Please present the figures broken down by calendar year. - **Please note, Powys**

**Teaching Health Board's (PTHB) Neurodevelopmental Service provide assessments for ASD and ADHD for each referral (dependent on age). Therefore, we are unable to provide information on the number of new referrals for an autism assessment, only the number of referrals for a Neurodevelopmental assessment.**

**Please see the table below:**

<b>Year (Financial Year)</b>	<b>Number of referrals for a Neurodevelopmental assessment</b>
<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>316</b>
<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>630</b>
<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>719</b>
<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>573</b>
<b>2025-2026</b>	<b>512</b>
<b>1 Jan-31 March 2026</b>	<b>228</b>

Autism assessment waiting times

Q3. As of 31 March 2026, please provide:

a. Number of children (under 18) waiting for an autism diagnostic assessment. **Please see response above to Q2. As at 31 March 2026, there are 848 children awaiting a Neurodevelopmental assessment.**

b. The mean and median waiting time (in weeks) from referral to diagnosis/assessment completion for children (under 18) - **The median and mean time from referral to discharge for attended last appointments for diagnosis/ assessment since 1 January 2022 for patients under 18 years old is:**

**- median 97 weeks**

**- mean 91 weeks.**

c. The longest waiting time (in weeks) recorded in the last 5 years (since 2022) from referral to diagnosis/assessment completion for children (under 18), based on completed cases - **The longest wait since 1 January 2022 for patients under 18 is 269 weeks.**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Should you wish an internal review, please quote the reference number and send your correspondence to the above address.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Address: Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH.

Telephone: 0330 414 6421

Complaints Portal: [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints)

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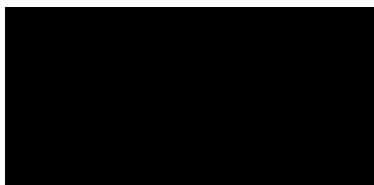
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Yours sincerely



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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.