

Our ref: IG/FOI/23.R.128

30 May 2023

Sent via email to: hello@adhduk.co.uk

Dear Mr Shelford,

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information which was received on 16 April 2023, 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 our response follows:

Your Freedom of Information (FOI) Request and Powys:

Please may I request the answers to the following questions. With regards to your organisation: Powys Teaching Health Board

QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON ADULT ADHD SERVICES

For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:

1.a. For each of those years how many adult assessments for ADHD were done?

- i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
- b. For each of those years what was the average waiting time (in weeks) for adults who had an assessment for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).
- i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
- c. For each of those years how many adult ADHD referrals were rejected prior to the individual receiving an assessment?
- i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

- d. For each of those years how many adults were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.
- i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON CHILD ADHD SERVICES

2. For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:

- a) For each of those years how many child assessments for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) were done?
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

For each of those years what was the average waiting time (in weeks) for children who had an assessment for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).

- ii. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
- b. For each of those years how many child ADHD referrals were rejected prior to assessment?
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
 - c. For each of those years how many children were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION AND ITS ADHD SERVICES

3. With relation to the present time (reflecting the most recent data that you have). Please can you answer the following questions:

- a. With regards to your adult ADHD services.
 - i. Do you currently have a commissioned adult ADHD assessment service?
 - ii. How many adults do you have waiting for an adult ADHD assessment?
 - iii. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for an adult ADHD Assessment?
 - iv. What is your current longest waiting time for an adult ADHD Assessment?
 - v. What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject adults who have been referred for an ADHD assessment.
 - vi. Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for adults with ADHD?
- b. With regards to your child ADHD services
 - i. Do you currently have a commissioned child ADHD Assessment service?
 - ii. How many children do you have waiting for a child ADHD assessment?
 - iii. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for a child ADHD Assessment?
 - iv. What is your current longest waiting time for a child ADHD Assessment?

- v. What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject children who have been referred for an ADHD assessment.
- vi. Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for children with ADHD?

Information on your financial year.

- vii. What are the dates of your financial year 2022-23.
- viii. What are the dates of your financial year 2021-22.

Powys Response:

1a-ci. A specialist adult ADHD service has been a priority for PTHB and other Health Boards across Wales to establish as demands for diagnostic assessment have outweighed capacity within secondary mental health services. During 2021/22, PTHB halted ADHD assessment services and have prioritised activity to develop a specialist referral pathways and assessment / management services. The new ADHD service is due to go live imminently with some priority assessment work already underway. A review of the referrals that have been captured as unmet needs are now being established as a formal waiting list that will be addressed over the coming months. As services were halted in 2021/2022 and the service has just been established now in 2023/24, question 1 is not applicable.

2a. We are not able to provide a specific answer in relation to ADHD. All clients referred to the Children and Young Peoples Neurodevelopment (ND) service receive a full Neurodevelopmental Assessment in line with NICE guidelines, we assess for neurodevelopmental disorders ASD/ADHD/ADD – there are currently 456 clients on our waiting list for Neurodevelopmental Assessment.

ai. Please see the table below for number of child assessments broken down by gender:

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Female	82	129
Male	167	249
Other		2
Total	249	380

2b. The ND Service offer a whole assessment approach for clients requiring ASD/ADHD assessment.

bi. Please see the table below for average waiting times:

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Female	42	32
Male	42	35
Other		36
Mean	42	34

2c. The ND Service offer a whole assessment approach for clients requiring ASD/ADHD assessment, therefore figures in relation to referral rejected take into consideration all referrals to the service.

ci. Please see the table below broken down by gender:

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Female	19	4
Male	31	11
Other		1
Total	50	16

2d. The ND Service offer a whole assessment approach for clients requiring ASD/ADHD assessment.

di. Please see the table below broken down by gender:

	2021-2022	2022-2023
Female	70	179
Male	140	303
Other	1	
Total	211	482

3ai-vi. As the review of unmet needs will determine how many individuals still require assessment, at this time we are not able to confirm accurate waiting times.

3bi. We are not able to provide a specific answer in relation to ADHD All clients referred to the Children and Young Peoples Neurodevelopment (ND) service receive a full Neurodevelopmental Assessment in line with NICE guidelines, we assess for neurodevelopmental disorders ASD/ADHD/ADD – there are currently 456 clients on our waiting list for Neurodevelopmental Assessment.

bii. There are currently 456 clients on our waiting list for an initial Neurodevelopmental Assessment.

biii. Our RTT target is 26 weeks from point of referral to initial assessment.

biv. Our longest waiting time as of 20/04/2023 is 54 weeks.

bv. In order to accept a client onto the ND Pathway we require a ND Referral Request be completed in full by the referrer and evidence of a graduated response from settings involved with client.

bvi. The Neurodevelopment Service has based their clinical pathways based on NICE guidance.

3ci. The dates for the financial year for 2022-2023 are 1st April 2022, to 31st March 2023

cii. The dates for the financial year for 2021-2022 are 1st April 2021, to 31st March 2022

Should you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

If you are dissatisfied, with the way your request has been dealt with by PTHB, you have the right to request a review in which case you should write to:

Chief Executive
Powys Teaching Health Board Headquarters
Glasbury House
Bronllys Hospital
Bronllys
Brecon
Powys LD3 0LY

If you are still dissatisfied at the end of the review, you may complain to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office - Wales
2nd Floor,
Churchill House,
Churchill Way,
Cardiff, CF10 2HH
Tel: 029 2067 8400 Fax 029 2067 8399
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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb y fath ohebiaeth yng Nghymraeg ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. We will reply to such correspondence in Welsh and this will not lead to a delay.

Yours sincerely



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