

Our ref: IG/FOI/FOI.307.25

10 June 2025

Sent via email to: foi-email@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 28 April 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 but have applied an exemption to elements of this request. For ease of reference your request is set out below and my response follows each question individually.

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

This is a freedom of information request. Thank you for your time and consideration of this.

### **Section A**

A1. Does your organisation commission Adult ADHD Assessments? If yes, please list:

i. the organisation or organisations in receipt of commission from you alongside the contract value for the last public sector financial year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) and the current public sector financial year (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026).

**I can confirm that Powys Teaching Health Board (PTHB) has not commissioned Adult Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) assessments during the timeframe requested as we have a designated service to assess.**

A2. Does your organisation commission Child ADHD Assessments? If yes, please list:

i. the organisation or organisations in receipt of commission from you alongside the contract value for the last public sector financial year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) and the current public sector financial year (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026).

**I can confirm that we have not commissioned any services between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 and the 31<sup>st</sup> April 2026 so far. I can confirm that between the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 and the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, PTHB Childrens Neurodevelopmental (ND) Team commissioned 85 Neurodevelopment assessments however this was for a combined assessment service for Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and ADHD.**

**PTHB are withholding the name of the supplier and the contract value as it is considered exempt under Section 43 Commercial Interests of the Freedom of Information Act. This section of the Act sets out an exemption from the right to know if releasing the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person maybe an individual, company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).**

**This exemption was considered by the Health Board when deciding whether to release this information because it was felt that, in doing so, it could create a significant risk in prejudicing the commercial interests of the Health Board and the third parties we work with.**

**As this is a qualified exemption the Health Board must consider the public interest in deciding whether to withhold or disclose the information. The Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency. However, the Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could discourage third parties from dealing with the Health Board because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn, this could jeopardise the Health Board's ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. As a result, exemption Section 43 is engaged as it is not considered in the public interest to disclose this.**

A3. Does your organisation undertake Adult ADHD Assessments? If yes, please list:

i. the organisation or organisations that have contracted you to provide the ADHD Assessment service alongside the financial contract value for the last public sector financial year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) and the current public sector financial year (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026).

**Yes. These are services provided by PTHB internally and funding is allocated within the Service wider budget.**

A4. Does your organisation undertake Child ADHD Assessments? If yes, please list:

i. the organisation or organisations that have contracted you to provide the ADHD Assessment service alongside the financial contract value for the last public sector financial year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) and the current public sector financial year (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026).

**Yes. Powys Teaching Health Board internally undertakes Childrens ND diagnostic assessments which comprise of ASD and ADHD.**

### **Section B**

*Please could you provide the information for the last public sector year (the period covering 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025).*

B1. The number of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period  
**I can confirm 469 adult ADHD Assessments was undertaken between 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025.**

B2. The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period.

**I can confirm there was 662 adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of this period.**

B3. The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the date of receipt of this FOI request.

**I can confirm that there are currently 603 adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the date of receipt of this FOI request.**

B4. The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period.  
**Childrens Service: The PTHB Childrens ND Service undertakes holistic ND diagnostic assessments comprising ASD and ADHD. From the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, 520 ND diagnostic assessments were completed.**

B5. The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period.

**Childrens Service: At the beginning of April 2025 there were 1108 children waiting for a first ND diagnostic assessment appointment which comprises ASD and ADHD.**

B6. The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment as of the date of receipt of this FOI request.

**Childrens Service: As of the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 2025, there are 1118 children waiting for a first ND diagnostic assessment appointment which comprises ASD and ADHD.**

*For the period covering 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.*

B7. The number of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period  
**Adult Service: I can confirm PTHB's Adult ADHD service was established in May 2023. I can confirm from June 2023 – March 2024, 389 ADHD assessments were undertaken.**

B8. The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period.

**Adult Service: I can confirm that the Adult service did not commence until 23 May 2023 therefore unable to quantify, however we inherited**

**an unmet need list of 197 along with an additional 684 referrals received during the period of May 2023- 31st March 2024.**

B9. The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period  
**Childrens Service: The PTHB Childrens ND Service undertakes holistic ND assessments inclusive of ASD and ADHD. There were 282 completed diagnostic assessments between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024.**

B10. The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment in that period.  
**Childrens Service: The PTHB Childrens ND Service undertakes holistic ND assessments inclusive of ASD and ADHD. The number of children waiting for a diagnostic assessment between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 were 781.**

*For the period covering 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.*

B11. The number of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period  
**Adult Service: I can confirm PTHB's Adult ADHD service was established in May 2023. During the timeframe requested, I can confirm that the Adult ADHD service was class as an unmet need and there were no assessments undertaken between January 2021 to May 2023.**

B12. The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period.

**Adult Service: Not applicable, please see B11 above.**

B13. The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period  
**Childrens Service: The PTHB Childrens ND Service undertakes holistic ND assessments inclusive of ASD and ADHD. The number of completed assessments between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 and the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 were 293.**

B14. The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment in that period.  
**Childrens Service: The PTHB Childrens ND Service undertakes holistic ND assessments inclusive of ASD and ADHD. The number of children waiting for a diagnostic assessment between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 and the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 were 479.**

*For the period covering 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.*

B15. The number of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period  
**Adult Service: Not applicable, please see B11 above.**

B16. The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period.

**Adult Service: Not applicable, please see B11 above.**

B17. The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period  
**Childrens Service: The PTHB Childrens ND Service undertakes holistic ND assessments inclusive of ASD and ADHD. The number of children**

**with completed assessment between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were 204.**

B18. The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment in that period.  
**Childrens Service: I can confirm that there were 244 children waiting for an assessment as on the census date of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.**

### **Section C**

C1. Did you pay out under Right to Choose for Adult ADHD Assessments in the prior public sector year? If yes:

i. How many Adult ADHD Assessments were paid out under Right to Choose in the last public sector year (2024-25)

**I can confirm Section C in its entirety is not applicable as PTHB does not offer the right to choose for both adults and neurodevelopment service.**

ii. What was the total value of Adult ADHD Assessments under Right to Choose in the last public sector year (2024-25).

iii. Please list the organisations you paid out for Adult ADHD Assessments under Right to Choose, alongside the total financial amount paid, and the quantity of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken for the last public sector year (April 1st 2024- 31st March 2025).

C2. Did you pay out under Right to Choose for Child ADHD Assessments in the prior public sector year? If yes:

i. How many Child ADHD Assessments were paid out under Right to Choose in the last public sector year (2024-25)

ii. What was the total value of Child ADHD Assessments under Right to Choose in the last public sector year (2024-25).

iii. Please list the organisations you paid out for Child ADHD Assessments under Right to Choose, alongside the total financial amount paid, and the quantity of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken for the last public sector year (April 1st 2024- 31st March 2025).

Under the terms of the Health Board's Freedom of Information procedure, individuals seeking access to recorded information held by the Health Board are entitled to request an internal review of the handling of their requests. If you would like to complain about the Health Board's handling of your request, please contact us directly at the address below or register your complaint via [Powys.FOI@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Powys.FOI@wales.nhs.uk)

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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