

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-399	15 th September 2022
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Please provide the following information about Autism, ADHD, Dyspraxia, Dyslexia and Tourette's Syndrome waiting times for both adults and children:

1. The total number of people on waiting lists and,
As of 31st August 2022

Child Services	No. on waiting list
ASD and ADHD*	687
Dyspraxia	<5
Tourette's Syndrome	<5

*Not separated until after assessment completed

Dyslexia

The Health Board does not hold this information. You may wish to contact Local Education Authorities as they will hold this information.

Please note where less than five (5) patients have been identified, Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied as the Health Board cannot provide the exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The Health Board believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

Adult Services
ADHD

The ADHD diagnostic and assessment service for adults within the Health Board commenced on 30th June 2022. As this is a new service there is currently no waiting list. However, it is anticipated that a waiting list will be required to manage the demand once referrals are received.

Autism

The Health Board only provide an assessment and diagnostic service for individuals who are already under secondary Mental Health Services. The Integrated Autism service provide this service for all other individuals under the Health Board catchment area.

There are currently 22 people waiting for an assessment with the Health Board. However, before an assessment can be offered a questionnaire is sent out for completion. The Health Board are currently waiting for these to be returned.

Dyspraxia, Dyslexia and Tourette's Syndrome

Adult Services within the Health Board do not currently provide an assessment and diagnostic service for these.

2. The average waiting time from referral to assessment, as well as the longest recorded waiting time for each condition,

Child Services	Average waiting time in Weeks	Longest recorded waiting time in weeks
ASD and ADHD*	40	68
Dyspraxia	19	19
Tourette's Syndrome	4	4

*Not separated until after assessment completed

Dyslexia

Please refer to Q1 .

Adult Services

ADHD

Please refer to Q1 for Adult Services.

Autism

The Health Board has only been providing this service since February 2022 and are currently unable to provide this information as current reporting systems cannot produce such data.

Dyspraxia, Dyslexia and Tourette's Syndrome.

Please refer to Q1 for Adult Services.

3. The total number of people who have been referred for an assessment but been unsuccessful due to refusals of application

Child Services

ASD and ADHD

In the last year, the total number of children referred for an assessment who have been unsuccessful/signposted to access appropriate support from

other health services, education, social services, and Integrated services is 606.

Dyspraxia

In the last year, the total number of children referred for an assessment who have been unsuccessful/signposted to access appropriate support from other health services, education, social services, and Integrated service is unknown as unaccepted referrals are not given an International Classification of Diseases code (ICD10).

Tourette's Syndrome

In the last year, the total number of children referred for an assessment who have been unsuccessful/signposted to access support from other health services, education, social services, and Integrated service is 0.

Dyslexia

Please refer to Q1 for Child Services.

Adult Services

ADHD

Before the service commenced on 30th June 2022, a proof-of concept exercise was undertaken. Of the referrals received 15 were deemed not appropriate.

Autism

Since February there have been no referrals which we have deemed inappropriate for assessment.

Dyspraxia, Dyslexia and Tourette's Syndrome.

Please refer to Q1 for Adult Services.