

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-253	22 nd June 2022
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Q1 Is the service to diagnose and treat adults with ADHD available?

Proposals to start a service are currently under development, subject to approval by a number of statutory bodies including the Community Health Council, Local Medical Committee before being finalised. Plans for publicising the service are being developed with the intention that the service will be established shortly. However, it is stressed that this is dependent upon the pathway and service model being approved by all stakeholders mentioned.

Q2 If it is, how do people access the service? Are GP's and gatekeepers aware of the referral process?

The Health Board will communicate to referrers once approval has been reached to launch the service with the main source of referral through GPs.

Q3 How are you communicating the service available to users?

The Health Board will use its normal communication mechanisms including the Health Boards webpages, social media, stakeholder emails etc. along with social media contacts that have been established.

Q4 What is the anticipated waiting time from referral to first appointment?

The Health Board know that the demand for the service will be much higher than capacity and already have several hundred individuals who have requested an assessment. Whilst the Health Board cannot estimate waiting times until the true demand is known, we believe waiting times will grow quickly once the service is established, based on the experience elsewhere in Wales.

Q5 If the service is still not available - what is the anticipated start date?

Please refer to Q1.

Q6. Are GP's and other gatekeepers aware that of how to refer to Hwyl DDA Centre in Chepstow as Dr Tyson is undertaking some referrals presently?

The pilot undertaken by Dr Tyson to see patients from across the Gwent area has now stopped, as plans to roll the service out across Gwent are in place and a significant waiting list has already built up to see Dr Tyson.

The Health Board can confirm moving forward that Dr Tyson will now only see patients in her own catchment area in South Monmouthshire and any patient on the waiting list to see Dr Tyson from outside that catchment area will be passed to the relevant local Community Mental Health Team and

added to the ADHD assessment waiting list in readiness for the launch of the service.