

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-265	13 th June 2023
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- 1. Do you have local provisions for all to receive NHS ADHD services? If no, and if relevant, under the NICE guidelines please detail on alternate services which the NHS will fund.**

Yes, services have started to be developed locally.
- 2. Current waiting time for NHS adult ADHD diagnosis**

The Health Board is currently unable to provide accurate information regarding assessments, diagnostic rates or waiting times for ADHD assessment. Since accepting referrals for ADHD assessment in June 2022, the Health Board has experienced a significant demand for assessments and demand continues to be high. The current demand is significantly higher than capacity to offer assessments and the service is not currently resourced to accurately manage, analyse and validate data.
- 3. Current waiting time for NHS child ADHD diagnosis**

As of Monday, 29 March 2023, 47 weeks.
- 4. Number of adults on waiting list for ADHD diagnosis**

As of 31st May 2023 there are currently 1561 adults on the waiting list.
- 5. Number of adults on waiting list for ADHD diagnosis**

As per Q4.
- 6. Based on the individual who is currently on the waiting list, what is the longest so far a patient has been waiting for a diagnosis.**

Since the service commenced in June 2022.
- 7. How are the waiting list ordered? (i.e. first come first served? or are patients added based on urgency of how symptoms affect them, once on waiting list is it position fixed or can they be bumped down or up?)**

Waiting lists are in date order.
- 8. If someone moves out of your region are they removed from the waiting list?**

Yes.
- 9. If someone moves into the region do they have to begin at the bottom of the waiting list all over again?**

If moving from a different Health Board then a referral would be needed. If moving within a current borough their place will remain.
- 10. Budget value in GBP and percentage allocated to ADHD services**

There is no separate budget, ADHD Services are currently delivered through the core service.

- 11. Do you operate under 'Right to Choose' (i.e. patients can choose where to get ADHD diagnosis funded by NHS, and can be referred to certain private providers with NHS contracts for diagnoses if NHS waiting list are long)**

No.

- 12. If relevant, cost to the NHS of using private practices for diagnosis**
N/A.

- 13. Do you accept private diagnoses and shared care? (i.e. patient seeks private diagnosis due to long NHS waiting lists, will GP then accept this diagnosis and allow patient to receive NHS prescription rather than private?)**

This would be a decision of the GP, not the Health Board. Please note that GPs are independent contractors.

- 14. How many staff are trained to diagnose and treat ADHD within your region.**

25 staff members have been trained, however these staff may not currently be in relevant roles.

- 15. Are you making any improvements to these services/do you have any plans to improve these services.**

The Health Board intends bidding for funds recently made available by Welsh Government in order to augment and develop the service offered and if successful it will be used to increase the capacity of resource for the assessment, diagnosis and treatment of ADHD.

- 16. Does the region have targets relating to ADHD care and the aforementioned points? If so what are these? Are they being met?**

No targets.

- 17. If a patient was presenting with severe depression and based on the ADHD pre assessment undertaken by a GP they showed high likelihood of having ADHD. Would this affect any of the answers to the above points? I.e. would they have access to more support/earlier ADHD diagnosis?**

No.