

I was hoping to request some patient wait times on the below:

Adult ADHD assessments

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.

There is currently a small service in place offering assessment, diagnosis and (where indicated) prescribing for ADHD. This has not been explicitly commissioned. A small amount of non-recurrent monies were made available for the financial year 2022-3 and 4 x Band 6 neurodevelopmental practitioner posts have been funded substantively to offer pre and post assessment/diagnostic support. Medical resource remains low. 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.

Psychiatric assessments

The Health Board does not collate information on wait times specifically for psychiatric assessment. The service aims to respond to emergency requests for a mental health assessment within 4 hours, urgent assessments within 48 hours, and routine assessments within 4 weeks in line with national guidance.