

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 21-429	14 th October 2021
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How many adults have been referred for an ADHD assessment between 2019 and present date?

Unfortunately, Adult ADHD diagnostic assessments are not currently available routinely in Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and there is no reliable data on the number of referrals received. One reason for this is the age of the current patient information system used within mental health and learning disabilities. This system is due to be replaced next month.

We have recently set up a pilot ADHD diagnostic assessment clinic and data is able to be captured for referrals into this clinic separately and this started in May 2021. Figures are provided for this for patients seen between May 2021 and the end of September 2021. A breakdown of the number of patients seen by gender is included in response to the second request. We would caveat that these figures will be a gross underestimate of the demand for ADHD diagnostic assessments and are simply the number of individuals seen in the recently established pilot clinic.

ADHD Clinic	Female	Male	TOTAL
Number of Individuals Seen	5	9	14
Number Assessment Only	1	1	2
Number Assessment Ongoing	4	7	11

How many adults have received an ADHD diagnosis via your services?

As there is no diagnostic coding for outpatients undertaken, this information is not currently available. The implementation of the new clinical information that is planned at the end of November 2021 should allow this data to be captured in future.

If no provision is available, how many adults have been titrated with ADHD medication via your psychiatrists following a private diagnosis?

This information is not available from our current information systems.

How many adults have received shared care agreements for medication for ADHD following a private diagnosis?

This information is not available from our current information systems.

When do you anticipate the adult ADHD service being available in your health board?

The Health Board is planning to develop a local ADHD diagnostic assessment service this financial year and had hoped that a service would be up and running in the autumn. Training has taken place at the end of June with 22 doctors trained in the diagnosis of ADHD. There has been some delay in arranging medication training courses but these are now arranged and two courses are

running in November 2021 and January 2022. Following this we hope to be in a position to offer diagnostic assessments and treatment in each borough across the Health Board. This development is seen as an interim service pending the anticipated national work being led by NHS Wales to inform Health Boards of a future service model for neuro-developmental services.