

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_312_22

You asked:

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,
2. The average waiting time from referral to assessment, as well as the longest recorded waiting time for each condition and,
3. The total number of people who have been referred for an assessment but been unsuccessful due to refusals of application

Our response:

For adult services, information is collected for Autism and ADHD only. Please see response below:

Adult Services - Autism

1. The total number of people on waiting lists and,

Number on waiting list = 320

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

Average waiting time = 16 months

Longest recorded wait = 22 months

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

Since April 2020 to date, there have been 50 people referred but were declined for assessment following triage of the referral.

The referrals are declined for a number of reasons which we have listed below:

- Eligible for Learning Disability or CMHT services.
- The request was for a child to be assessed.
- Out of our catchment area.
- Request was for an ADHD assessment.
- There was no evidence of the lifelong, pervasive ND difficulties in social interaction or communication within the referral information or questionnaires to go ahead with an assessment.

Adult Services - ADHD

1. The total number of people on waiting lists and,

Number on waiting list = 813

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

Currently on hold due to lack of medical cover.

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

We do not reject any referrals for an ADHD assessment.

Our Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) have provided the data for Tourette's Syndrome below:

1. There are currently 3 patients on the waiting list for Tourettes
2. The current average waiting time is 2 weeks and longest wait is 4 weeks
3. 0 patients have been referred and been unsuccessful

For Children services in the Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taf localities, information is collected for Autism and ADHD only. The Neurodevelopmental Service has provided the following information:

1. The total number of people on waiting lists and,

There is one routine waiting list for Autism and ADHD and children are seen in date order from the date the referral was received. The total number of children on the waiting list is 1625. The total number of children awaiting an Autism assessment is 814. The total number of children awaiting an ADHD assessment is 306. There are also 505 children awaiting an assessment of comorbid Autism and ADHD.

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

The average waiting time from referral to assessment is 81 weeks. As advised, there is one routine waiting list for Autism and ADHD. The longest wait for an assessment is 123 weeks.

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

Based on 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 data, 1518 referrals were received. 949 were accepted based on information provided in the initial referral and 569 were declined. There are a number of reasons that the referrals are not accepted into the service and these include:

- Evidence of pervasiveness required ie. Information regarding how the child presents in a different setting. Referrals are encouraged by health visitors for pre-school children and schools for school-aged children. If a referral is received without this information

- Out of area
- Signposted to another service ie. community paediatrics/CAMHS
- Limited evidence of an underlying neurodevelopmental disorder to warrant an assessment (signposted to relevant third sector agencies)

For Children services in the Bridgend locality, information is collected for Autism and ADHD only. The Bridgend Locality receives referrals for under 11 years only for both services. As part of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB) targets Bridgend patients 11-18 years. Please contact [SBUHB](#) directly for the additional information.

1. The total number of people on waiting lists and,

Total number of children on waiting list (Bridgend- Under 11 years)

- Autism- 81
- ADHD- 76

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

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

- Autism- Longest waiting time: 29 weeks
- Autism- Average waiting time: 15 weeks
- ADHD- Longest waiting time: 28 weeks
- ADHD- Average waiting time: 20 weeks

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

All referrals for the Bridgend Locality are received by SBUHB under the SLA agreement. Please contact [SBUHB](#) directly for this information.

In terms of Dyslexia, the Health Board does not hold this information. Dyslexia is not classed as a health issue, but would come under education and is assessed via the Local Authority. Therefore, you may wish to redirect this element of your request to the relevant Local Authorities, who may be able to assist you with this request. The relevant email addresses are provided below:

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council - freedomofinformation@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk

Merthyr Tydfil Borough Council - FOI@merthyr.gov.uk

Bridgend County Borough Council - foi@bridgend.gov.uk