

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_276_22

You asked:

For Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board please could you provide the following information:

***Please note** Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board was established in April 2019 and work is still ongoing to align some systems and procedures across the Board. Therefore, the information provided below for children (under the age of 18) is for the previous Cwm Taf area only and does not include Bridgend. Due to the information for this locality being not available at present, as the clinical system currently (historic Swansea Bay system) used does not have the flexibility to filter information to specific areas e.g. ADHD. The system does not record data from a reporting perspective. However, we are aware of the issue and trying to find a temporary workaround for this.

1. The current wait time for an undiagnosed child (under the age of 18) to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS.

a. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

*There is currently a 30 month wait for an initial assessment in the Neurodevelopmental (ND) Service for assessment of ASD and ADHD as there is one routine waiting list. The current referral pathway is from the health visitor for pre-school children and schools for school-aged children. The average wait for an initial assessment in ND between 2017-2021 is listed below:

Calendar Year	Average wait
2017	29 weeks
2018	51 weeks
2019	69 weeks
2020	75 weeks
2021	103 weeks

2. The current wait time for an undiagnosed adult to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS.

Merthyr & Cynon	Rhondda & Taf Ely	Bridgend
Currently on hold due to lack of medical cover.	Currently on hold due to lack of medical cover.	3-4 years.

a. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

We can confirm that the Health Board does not centrally record this information. The information you require would be recorded within an individual patient's health record as part of their ongoing care. To provide you with this information, would require a manual

trawl and significantly exceed the 18 hours time and £450 cost limit set out within Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

3. The number of children (under the age of 18) with an ADHD diagnosis. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

*There are currently 436 children with a diagnosis of ADHD known to the Neurodevelopmental Service. Of these, 88 are female and 348 male. A breakdown of the year the diagnosis was confirmed is listed below:

Calendar Year	Number of diagnoses made
2017	48
2018	70
2019	145
2020	61
2021	72

Please note these figures do not add up to 436 as some of the diagnoses were made prior to 2017 and in 2022.

4. The number of adults (over the aged of 18 with an ADHD diagnosis. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

Merthyr & Cynon	Rhondda & Taf Ely	Bridgend
Total - 236	Total - 74	Total - 172
Male - 156	Male - 54	Male - 81
Female - 80	Female - 20	Female - 91

a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Please see response to 2a.

5. How many adult assessments were done in the last year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

Merthyr & Cynon	Rhondda & Taf Ely	Bridgend
Currently on hold due to lack of medical cover.	Currently on hold due to lack of medical cover.	46.

a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Please see response to 2a.

6. How many children assessments were done in the last year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

*The number of assessments completed within the last five years are listed below:

Calendar Year	Number of diagnoses made
2017	403 – 307 boys, 96 girls
2018	406 – 314 boys, 92 girls
2019	483 – 370 boys, 113 girls
2020	325 – 229 boys, 96 girls
2021	231 – 166 boys, 65 girls

7. In the last year how many adult ADHD assessment referrals have been rejected. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

We do not reject any referrals for an ADHD assessment.

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We do not reject any referrals for an ADHD assessment.

8. In the last year how many children ADHD assessment referrals have been rejected. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

*Between January and July 2022, 230 out of 615 referrals for assessment of ADHD have been rejected. 390 referrals were male and 225 female. Some of these have been rejected as there is not enough evidence to warrant an assessment and others for further information to be gathered. Of the 230 rejected referrals, 138 were male and 92 were female.

9. In the last year how many adults with an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

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Suicides are not categorised by diagnosis and therefore we are unable to provide this data.

- 10. In the last year how many children with an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.**
- a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.**

*There are no reported deaths of suicide within the last five years, for children/young people with an ADHD diagnosis.

- 11. In the last year how many adults on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.**
- a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.**

Please see response to question 9.

- 12. In the last year how many children on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.**
- a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.**

*There are no reported deaths of suicide within the last five years, for children/young people on the neurodevelopmental waiting list for an assessment of ADHD.