

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_416_22

You asked:

I wanted to request information about:

1. How many clinics in your health board deal with diagnosing patients with ADHD
2. How many clinicians are qualified to do this, and
3. How long the waiting list is for both children and adults.

Our response:

Please see provided below responses from Adult Mental Health and Children services by Integrated Locality Group.

Adult Mental Health Response:

1. How many clinics in your health board deal with diagnosing patients with ADHD?

Merthyr / Cynon	Rhondda Taf Ely	Bridgend
3 clinics per week	Currently on hold	No specific clinics. One patient is added to each out-patient clinic with an ADHD trained clinician.

2. How many clinicians are qualified to do this, and

There are currently 23.8 Whole Time Equivalent qualified staff.

3. How long the waiting list is for both children and adults.

Adult Services

Merthyr / Cynon	Rhondda Taf Ely	Bridgend
134 adults, waiting 36 weeks	538 adults, waiting 20 months	186 adults, waiting 18 months

Children Services Response:

1. How many clinics in your health board deal with diagnosing patients with ADHD

2. How many clinicians are qualified to do this, and

3. How long the waiting list is for both children and adults.

For Children services, the Bridgend Locality receives referrals for under 11 years only for the ADHD service, as part of a SLA with Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB). SBUHB targets Bridgend patients 11-18 years. Please contact SBUHB for the additional information. They can be contacted via the following email address: FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk

Bridgend service hold 1 clinic per week that diagnose patients with ADHD under 11 years of age. One clinician is able to diagnose ADHD.

Merthyr Cynon/Rhondda Taf Ely Locality hold 4 clinics per week for new patient assessments where an ADHD diagnosis can be given. 10 clinicians are able to diagnose ADHD. However, the clinicians are also able to diagnose Autism Spectrum Disorder, so the clinics are usually a mixture of both. 10 clinics are held per week for follow up patients, with new patients booked in where there is available capacity.

There are currently 81 patients on the waiting list for an assessment of possible ADHD in Bridgend (under 11 years). Patients can expect to wait around 15 months for an initial assessment. Patients over 11 years old awaiting an assessment would need to be obtained via SBUHB.

There is one waiting list in Merthyr Cynon/Rhondda Taf Ely for assessment of possible ADHD/ASD with 1699 patients currently awaiting an assessment. Of the 1699 patients, 840 are awaiting an assessment of ADHD. Patients can expect to wait around 30 months for an initial assessment.