

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_92_23

You asked:

I am emailing today to request any statistics you keep regarding ADHD services within your area.

- 1. How many complaints regarding ADHD services were made between 2017-2023? If this information is held, could it be broken down year by year?**

Year	Number of complaints relating to diagnosis and support
2017	**
2018	**
2019	**
2020	**
2021	5
2022	20
2023 (to date)	6

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. The data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

- 2. Do you keep statistics on how many people were refused an ADHD assessment when they requested one? If so, could this also be broken down year by year from 2017-2023?**

We do not reject any referrals for an ADHD assessment.

- 3. How many ADHD assessments were carried out between 2017 - 2023? Could this information also be broken down year by year?**

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.

4. What is your current policy on ADHD assessments, and is there a specialist ADHD team? Or are your ADHD services currently being run through the community mental health team?

There is no current ADHD policy on ADHD assessments. ADHD assessment and follow-up is provided through the Mental Health Outpatients Departments in each locality.