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## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_499\_24**

### **You asked:**

#### **Assessment, treatment and shared care for ADHD in Bridgend.**

**1. Please could I be provided with a copy of the advice or directions given to Bridgend GPs about shared care in the circumstances outlined above?**

The guidance the Health Board currently provide to GP practices covers Shared care agreements between Health Boards and Independent GP Contractors only, and not between GP Contractors and private providers. GP practices are not mandated to enter into a shared care agreement with Specialists/Consultants even within the NHS, and where this is the case prescribing would be continued to be provided by the Specialist service. The Health Board has not provided any formal advice or guidance to GPs with regard to prescribing of Methylphenidate on the recommendation of private contractors. Advice referred to would have been provided by either the British Medical Association or the own GPs professional defence union. Shared care between private providers and independent GP contractors have additional considerations for prescribers, and the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) have been consulting on this issue and will be issuing advice imminently. Once this is available we will circulate to practices.

**2. Please could you explain the average cost of prescribing and dispensing methylphenidate under a shared care arrangement?**

We are not able to provide the costs for prescribing or dispensing of Methylphenidate privately under a shared care agreement as no such agreement exists and would be subject to negotiation. Private contractors set their own fees and the price of medication is subject to change.

**3. Could you please give me an approximate cost of an adult ADHD assessment via the existing NHS route?**

The Health Board is not able to estimate the cost of an adult ADHD assessment as we do not calculate hourly rate and each assessment is different.