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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_492_24

Clarification provided 02/10:

I would like to have the current referral rate for 2024, but if there is any data on what the referral rate was like in 2023 and 2022, this would help me enormously.

You asked:

I would like to gather data on ADHD waiting times across the LHBs in Wales.

I would like information on how many referrals are received from GPs into secondary care and how long patients are waiting from the referral being accepted to the first consultation by an ADHD specialist. I would like this information for adults and children.

Our response:

Please note the following response is for Adult Services only:

Referrals received from GPs into secondary care (2022, 2023 and 2024)

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.

However, we can provide the number of people currently waiting for an ADHD assessment: -

Area	Number of people waiting for an assessment
Rhondda Fach	249
Rhondda Fawr	262
Taff Ely East	38
Taff Ely West	29
Merthyr	222
Bridgend	1318
Cynon	430

The average waiting time for an ADHD assessment in your Health Board area

Area	Average Waiting time for Assessment (Weeks)
Rhondda Fach	90
Rhondda Fawr	98
Taff Ely East	74

Taff Ely West	46
Merthyr	165
Bridgend	156
Cynon	92

Please note the following response is from the Paediatric Neurodevelopmental Service.

There is one routine waiting list for neurodevelopmental assessments (Autism and ADHD) and patients are offered an appointment in turn as they reach the top of the waiting list.

Referrals received:

<u>Calendar year</u>	<u>Referrals received</u>	<u>Referrals accepted</u>	<u>Comments</u>
2022	2005	1304	Of the 2005 referrals, only 78 were made by GP's. Of the 1304 accepted referrals, 682 were for assessment of ADHD or ADHD/ASD.
2023	3864	2734	Of the 3864 referrals, only 313 were made by GP's. Of the 2734 accepted referrals, 1077 were for assessment of ADHD or ADHD/ASD
2024*	3041	1842	Of The 3041 referrals, only 160 were made by the GP's. Of the 1842 accepted, 744 were for assessment of ADHD or ADHD/ASD.

*2024 Data captures information from January 2024 – 23rd October 2024.

Average waiting time for initial assessment:

As above, there is one routine waiting list for assessment of Autism and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. The child/young person will be offered an assessment with a Neurodevelopmental practitioner (ie. Speech and language therapist (for assessment of possible ASD) Clinical Nurse Specialist (for assessment of possible ADHD) or a Paediatrician or Psychiatrist (for assessment of ASD and/or ADHD)

There is an average waiting time of 20-22 months for an initial assessment in the Neurodevelopmental team.