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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_306_26

You asked:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the provision of autism diagnostic assessments through the medium of Welsh within your Health Board, Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB.

Please could you provide the following information:

1. Does your Health Board currently offer autism diagnostic assessments through the medium of Welsh?

Yes, for both Children and Young People Services (CYP) and Adult Mental Health and Learning Disability Services (AMH&LD).

2. If Welsh-medium assessments are available:

- How many Welsh-speaking clinicians are currently involved in delivering these assessments?**

Children and Young People (CYP) - The neurodevelopmental service currently has 2 clinical members of staff who can deliver assessments through the Welsh medium. There are Welsh speakers within the team however they would be unable to deliver an assessment.

Adult Mental Health and Learning Disability Services (AMH&LD) – Two.

- Are assessments conducted directly in Welsh or through the use of interpreters/translation services?**

CYP – Neurodevelopmental assessments can be conducted by 2 team members, if further requests are sought this would coordinate an interpreter.

AMH&LD – Directly in Welsh

3. Please provide the current average waiting time for:

- English-medium autism diagnostic assessments**
- Welsh-medium autism diagnostic assessments**

CYP - The average waiting time for a new patient assessment is the same for both English and Welsh medium. The average waiting time for an assessment is 88 weeks. The longest wait is currently 104.

AMH&LD – 36 months for both English and Welsh medium

4. During the last three financial years, how many patients have requested autism diagnostic assessments through the medium of Welsh?

CYP - The service has not received any requests for neurodevelopmental assessments to be conducted through Welsh.

AMH&LD - There have been no patient requests for an adult autism diagnostic assessment to be carried out through the medium of Welsh in the last three financial years.

5. During the last three financial years, how many Welsh-medium autism diagnostic assessments have been completed?

CYP - The service has not completed any neurodevelopmental assessments through Welsh.

AMH&LD - There have been no adult Welsh-medium autism assessments completed within the last three financial years.

6. Does the Health Board have any current policy, strategy, action plan, or targets relating to increasing the availability of Welsh-medium neurodevelopmental or autism assessment services?

The Health Board does not have any policies, strategy, action plans or targets specifically relating to increasing the availability of Welsh-medium neurodevelopmental or autism assessment services.

Welsh language considerations are embedded within broader organisational policies, service delivery models and equality impact assessments where applicable.

The Health Board publishes Welsh Language Standards Annual Monitoring Reports, which outline compliance across all services. These can be accessed via the Health Board's website [here](#).

CTMUHB delivers Autism and Neurodevelopmental Services in line with Welsh Government national policy and guidance, including the ["More Than Just Words" framework](#). This framework sets clear expectations regarding the provision of Welsh-medium services and the "Active Offer" principle.

7. Please provide copies of any relevant policies, internal guidance documents, equality impact assessments, Welsh language compliance reports, or strategic plans relating to Welsh-medium autism or neurodevelopmental services.

We do not have any policies, internal guidance documents, equality impact assessments, Welsh language compliance reports, or strategic plans specifically relating to Welsh-medium Autism or Neurodevelopmental Services.