

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/21/412
Autism Referral Wait-Times

Request details

Please provide the following information about autism waiting times:

1. The total number of people on waiting lists;

Children	Adults
1067	259

2. The average waiting time from referral to assessment, as well as the longest recorded waiting time.*

	Children	Adults
Current Longest Wait	127 Weeks	93 Weeks

*In completing a search for the information requested on average wait times, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual trawl through individual records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

However, under our Section 16 obligation to provide advice and assistance, the UHB can supply you with the longest recorded wait times in the above table.