

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/303
ADHD & Military referrals

(1) Do you accept referrals for currently serving Military Personnel for an ADHD Assessment?

We would accept referrals for anyone who is a CAV resident and registered with a GP in our area. We would not discriminate or exclude serving military personnel.

(2) If the answer to (1) is “no”, to what agency or service do you direct the serving military person to?

N/A

(3) If the answer to (1) is “yes”, how many referrals have you received, by year, for the last 5 years?

In completing a search for the information requested, 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 search through individual patient 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.

(4) How many assessments for ADHD have you completed, by year, for the last 5 years, for currently serving Military Personnel?

Please see the UHB's response to Q3.

(5) How many positive ADHD diagnosis have you made, by year, for the last 5 years, for currently serving Military Personnel?

Please see the UHB's response to Q3.

(6) Do you prioritise currently serving Military Personnel for an ADHD assessment?

Currently serving military do not have any priority, only veterans accessing MH care related to their service (commonly trauma). If serving military personnel are referred for any NHS service but moved as part of their military service whilst on waiting list guidance is that their existing time waited moves with them so they are not disadvantaged.

(7) What categories of people do you prioritise for an adult ADHD assessment?

No individuals are prioritised for ADHD assessments. There is equal access for all referred.

(8) What support do you offer to currently serving military personnel who you diagnose with ADHD?

Care is offered on diagnosis, based on individuals need from assessment. The most common treatment offered is medication licensed for treatment of ADHD. The UHB is in the process of appointing an ADHD lead who will redesign pathways and explore support and alternatives to medication.

(9) What is your current waiting time for all adult referrals for an ADHD Assessment?

Please see the UHB's response to Q3.

(10) How many Shared Care Agreements do you currently have for serving military personnel?

Please see the UHB's response to Q3.