

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/24/442
ADHD – Revised Response

I am trying the gauge the current picture for ADHD assessment waiting times.

In respect of mental health services for children and young people, please note that the diagnostic pathway is split into three categories by age group:

- Group A: 0–5 years old, seen by the consultant paediatricians and neurodevelopmental (ND) speech and language therapist.
- Group B: 6–13 years old, seen by the ND psychologists, specialist ND nurses, and ND occupational therapists.
- Group C: 13+ years old, seen by the ND psychiatrists.

The pathway follows NICE guidelines, where appropriate diagnosis is given by two clinicians of different professions.

Could you tell me how many adults are currently on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis in Cardiff?

There are currently 740 adults waiting for a diagnostic assessment in Cardiff with the below Community Mental Health Teams.

2023/24	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul
Gabalfa	138				158		178		209	210			256		290
Hamadryad	83	88	101	101	104	124	129	135	147	156	156	178	182	176	192
Links	44			90	95		101			57					86
Pendine	32	31	30	32	36	36	27	27	28	30					29
Pentwyn	106	106	107	116	127	138	142	148	134	133	138	147	136	148	143
Vale	101														
Total	504	225	238	339	520	298	577	310	518	529	294	325	574	324	740

How long is the average wait from addition the waiting list to being seen by the relevant CAHMS team for a diagnosis? Please give this time in weeks.

In relation to services for children and young people, the average wait is 69 weeks.

How long (in weeks please) have the three people who have been on the waiting list for the longest time been waiting?

The three people with the longest wait times are as follows.

- 183 weeks
- 178 weeks
- 171 weeks

For an adults, which month and year were patients currently being offered first appointments added to the waiting list. Please give the details for Cardiff and the Vale.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as outlined in the Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004. When estimating the cost of complying with a request for information under the applicable legislation, the UHB must calculate this cost at a rate of £25 per person per hour to a maximum of £450, with the appropriate time limit for complying therefore being 18 hours.

In completing a search for the information requested, 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 records which the UHB considers would exceed the appropriate limit for the purposes of the 2004 Regulations. The UHB has therefore relied upon the exemption set out in section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') and is refusing your request.

For children, which month and year were patients currently being offered first appointments added to the waiting list. Please give the details for Cardiff and the Vale.

Between April to June 2021.