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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Atebir gohebiaeth Gymraeg yn y Gymraeg, ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-L-025**

You asked:

- 1. What ADHD services are there available in this health board area**
 - a. Can you please outline how many ADHD specialist clinics there are in the area**

We have recently responded to an FOIA request regarding this subject. Therefore I can confirm that the information you are seeking is held on our website within our FOIA disclosure log. Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (information accessible by other means), we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. May I therefore recommend that you look at this link to our website:
<https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/files/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log-2022/october/22-j-040-diagnosis-of-adhd/>
 - b. Can you please outline what general diagnosis and treatment services there are**

Patients with a query diagnosis of ADHD are generally seen within the usual 10 week target, this can be longer when demand increases. Typically patients are assessed over a few outpatient appointments by different members of the multi-disciplinary team, which may include medics, nurses, therapists, and pharmacists. If the diagnosis is confirmed they are signposted to appropriate support services and to the prescribing pharmacist or clinic at the community mental health team who will follow up to monitor medication and have oversight of the patients attendance at the physical health check clinic.
- 2. How many people are on the waiting list of people waiting to be diagnosed with ADHD**

Please can you separate into children, young adults and adults if possible?

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3. How is the demand for services being dealt with - have any extra services or staff been implemented to deal with the demand?

The demand on mental health services for ADHD is managed in the same way as outpatient services in mental health and there is no bespoke pathway currently in place. The Service Group is in the process of undertaking validation work. The access pathway for ADHD assessments has been streamlined so that this can be offered within the outpatient community mental health teams. Whilst there is a wait, the demand and capacity is continually being reviewed and further investment in resources is being considered.

4. Have you had any complaints about insufficient services in relation to ADHD diagnosis and support over the past 5 years, separated by year and by adult or child services please?

2018/19 = 6

2019/20 = 9

2020/21 = <5

2021/22 = 7

Mar 22 – Dec 22 = <5

We are unable to provide you with the level of detail you are seeking as there is a potential risk of identifying the individual if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

