



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-G-047

You asked:

1. The current wait time for an undiagnosed child (under the age of 18) to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS and the average wait time for each of the last five years.

Please note that the service does not receive referrals from primary care (referrals are usually received from schools or families), therefore the Health Board does not hold this information.

2. The current wait time for an undiagnosed adult to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS and the average wait time for each of the last five years.

The current wait time for an undiagnosed adult to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP is 10 weeks. Please see table below which provides the average waiting time in weeks over the last 5 years.

Year	Average waiting time in weeks
2021	4.25 weeks
2020	3.8 weeks
2019	3.71 weeks
2018	4.75 weeks
2017	4.6 weeks



3. The number of children (under the age of 18) with an ADHD diagnosis. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender

This information is not recorded on our systems. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

4. The number of adults (over the aged of 18 with an ADHD diagnosis. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender for each of the last five years

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5. How many adult assessments were done in the last year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender and the same information for each of the last five years

Year of Assessment	Male	Female
2021	28	30
2022	31	40

For data prior to this, I can confirm that the information you are seeking is held on our Disclosure Log on our website. 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 disclosure log, which contains details of where you can obtain the information you require: <https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/files/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log-2021/september/21-i-037-adhd-assessments/>

6. How many children assessments were done in the last year? Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender and the same information for each of the last five years

Please note that we do not hold appointment information broke down by gender. To obtain this information would require a manual trawl of patient notes which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and



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Year of Assessment	
2021	124
2022	56

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7. In the last year how many adult ADHD assessment referrals have been rejected? Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender for each of the last five years

All mental health referrals are triaged to ensure the most appropriate service is identified, including ADHD.

8. In the last year how many children ADHD assessment referrals have been rejected? Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender for each of the last five years

Please note that we would only accept a referral if the information given shows a level of clinical risk which needs a diagnostic assessment. For that, the diagnostic criteria specifies that symptoms of ADHD are pervasive, occurring in two or more important settings and cause at least moderate psychosocial and academic impairment. A referral would be declined due to lack of evidence that symptoms are above this threshold, in both of the two or more settings, with moderate impairment.

Referrals rejected	Male	Female	Null
2018	133	33	2
2019	79	42	0
2020	75	27	0
2021	91	30	0



2022	35	4	0
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9. In the last year how many adults with an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender for each of the last five years

This information is not held by SBU Health Board. Suicides will be determined and confirmed by the coroner's office. Cases that are classified by the coroner as suicide are reported to National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Homicide (NCISH) by People with Mental Illness in Manchester. Further information is accessible via:

<http://www.bbmh.manchester.ac.uk/cmhr/research/centreforsuicideprevention/nci>

10. In the last year how many children with an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender for each of the last five years

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11. In the last year how many adults on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender for each of the last five years

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