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## **Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request** **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-D-028**

### **You asked:**

### **QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON ADULT ADHD SERVICES**

#### **1. For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:**

##### **a. For each of those years how many adult assessments for ADHD were done?**

**If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender?**

From 2022 patients referred for ADHD are managed in the same way as Outpatient Services in mental health and there is no bespoke pathway currently in place. The first appointment is recorded on our patient information system as a new patient appointment under mental health and the initial assessment for ADHD is recorded as part of the follow up pathway.

##### **b. For each of those years what was the average waiting time (in weeks) for adults who had an assessment for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)**

**If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender?**

I can confirm that this information is not held specifically for patients awaiting an ADHD assessment. Our new outpatient waiting lists do not differentiate if the patient is waiting for an ADHD assessment, but only indicate waiting times for all undiagnosed new adult patients waiting to see a psychiatrist.

##### **c. For each of those years how many adult ADHD referrals were rejected prior to the individual receiving an assessment?**

**If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender?**

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



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**d. For each of those years how many adults were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.**

**If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender?**

Please see question 1b.

## QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON CHILD ADHD SERVICES

**2. For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:**

**a. For each of those years how many child assessments for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) were done?**

**If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender?**

	Consultation method	Gender	New attendance	Follow up attendance	Grand Total
2021/22	Face to Face	Male	7	420	427
		Female	114	515	629
	Virtual Appt	Male	6	89	95
		Female	20	87	107
<b>2021/22 Total</b>			<b>147</b>	<b>1111</b>	<b>1258</b>
2022/23	Face to Face	Male	32	438	470
		Female	56	396	452
	Virtual Appt	Male	13	140	153
		Female	12	132	144
<b>2022/23 Total</b>			<b>113</b>	<b>1106</b>	<b>1219</b>

**b. For each of those years what was the average waiting time (in weeks) for children who had an assessment for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).**

**If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender?**

Of the 260 new attendances in question 2a;

	Sex	Average wait (Wks)
2021/22	Male	99.02
	Female	101.40
<b>2021/22 Total</b>		<b>99.52</b>
2022/23	Male	98.54
	Female	98.34
<b>2022/23 Total</b>		<b>98.48</b>



**c. For each of those years how many child ADHD referrals were rejected prior to assessment?**

**If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender?**

I can confirm that this information is not recorded by gender.

In the financial year 2021-2022 we declined 102 ADHD referrals.

In the financial year 2022-2023 we declined 90 ADHD referrals.

**d. For each of those years how many children were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.**

**If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender?**

I can confirm that this information is not recorded by gender.

At the end of the financial year 2021-2022 we had 200 children waiting for an ADHD assessment.

At the end of the financial year 2022-2023 we had 212 children waiting for an ADHD assessment.

## **GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION AND ITS ADHD SERVICES**

**3. With relation to the present time (reflecting the most recent data that you have). Please can you answer the following questions:**

**With regards to your adult ADHD services.**

**a. Do you currently have a commissioned adult ADHD assessment service?**

All mental health referrals are triaged to ensure the most appropriate service is identified, including ADHD. There is not currently a commissioned adult ADHD assessment service, this is completed via outpatient appointments.

**b. How many adults do you have waiting for an adult ADHD assessment?**

I can confirm that this information is not held specifically for patients awaiting an ADHD assessment. Our new outpatient waiting lists do not differentiate if the patient is waiting for an ADHD assessment, but only indicate waiting times for all undiagnosed new adult patients waiting to see a psychiatrist.

**c. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for an adult ADHD Assessment?**

I can confirm that this information is not held specifically for patients awaiting an ADHD assessment. Our new outpatient waiting lists do not differentiate if the patient is waiting for an ADHD assessment, but only indicate waiting times for all undiagnosed new adult patients waiting to see a psychiatrist.

**d. What is your current longest waiting time for an adult ADHD Assessment?**

I can confirm that this information is not held specifically for patients awaiting an ADHD assessment. Our new outpatient waiting lists do not differentiate if the patient is waiting for an ADHD assessment, but only indicate waiting times for all



undiagnosed new adult patients waiting to see a psychiatrist.

**e. What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject adults who have been referred for an ADHD assessment?**

All mental health referrals are triaged and the appropriate pathway is followed, if it is for ADHD this is via outpatient appointments. The first appointment is recorded on our patient information system as a new patient appointment under mental health and the initial assessment for ADHD is recorded as part of the follow up pathway.

**f. Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for adults with ADHD?**

SBUHB works towards a prescribing guideline which is agreed across Primary and Secondary Care which helps to give assurance we are compliant with the prescribing, monitoring and review of medication. Clinical services are provided in accordance with NICE guidance, but the waiting times to access these varies between areas.

**With regards to your child ADHD services**

**a. Do you currently have a commissioned child ADHD Assessment service?**

No

**b. How many children do you have waiting for a child ADHD assessment?**

As at 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023, there were 205 children and young people waiting for an ADHD assessment, and 162 children and young people waiting for a combined ADHD and Autism Spectrum Disorder assessment,

**c. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for a child ADHD Assessment?**

We assign appointments in order from our waiting list 4 weeks in advance. We cannot predict an expected waiting time for a patient from referral as this depends on a variety of factors.

**d. What is your current longest waiting time for a child ADHD Assessment?**

Our current longest waiting time for a child awaiting an ADHD assessment is 117 weeks.

**e. What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject children who have been referred for an ADHD assessment?**

All Neurodevelopmental referrals are triaged and pathway is followed. All referrals are recorded in our patient administration system on the date they are received. The referral paperwork is triaged by an administrative member of the team to ensure all of the required paperwork is there and we have the correct signed consent. It is then checked by a clinical member of the team to ensure the required clinical information is included. Accept & Decline letters are sent to the referrer/family or young person.

**f. Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for children with ADHD?**

Yes.

**Information on your financial year.**



**a. What are the dates of your financial year 2022-23?**

01.04.22 to 31.03.23

**b. What are the dates of your financial year 2021-22?**

01.04.21 to 31.03.22

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