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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-B-050**

Please note that from 1st April 2019 responsibility for providing healthcare services for people in the Bridgend County Borough Council area transferred from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board to Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board. In light of this change to ABMU's responsibilities, the organisation's name has changed to Swansea Bay University Health Board.

However as this response asks for data prior to 1st April 2019, we have provided the information that ABMU Health Board held which will include Bridgend data.

You asked:

I am emailing today to request any statistics you keep regarding ADHD services within your area.

You clarified on 28th February 2023 that you're looking for this information relating to the adults services only.

1. How many complaints were made between 2017-2023? If this information is held, could it be broken down year by year?

2017 – 2
2018 – 2
2019 – 6
2020 – 1
2021 – 3
2022 – 4
2023 to 28th Feb – 2

2. Do you keep statistics on how many people were refused an ADHD assessment when they requested one? If so, could this also be broken down year by year from 2017-2023?

I can confirm that this information is not recorded centrally. All mental health referrals are triaged to ensure the most appropriate service is identified, including ADHD.

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



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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.

**3. How many ADHD assessments were carried out between 2017 - 2023?
Could this information also be broken down year by year?**

We have previously 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.

2017 to 2020 - <https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/files/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log-2021/september/21-i-037-adhd-assessments>

2021 - <https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/files/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log-2022/july/22-g-047-adhd>

ADHD	2022	2023 to 13/03
New Assessments	*	*
Follow up	415	70

*From 2022, patients referred for ADHD are managed in the same way as outpatient services in mental health. There is no bespoke pathway currently in place. The first appointment will be 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, therefore we are only able to provide numbers of follow-up appointments specific to ADHD.

To obtain the information for new appointments 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. What is your current policy on ADHD assessments, and is there a specialist ADHD team?
Or are your ADHD services currently being run through the community mental health team?**

All mental health referrals are triaged to ensure the most appropriate service is identified, including ADHD. There is not a specialist ADHD team, ADHD assessments are undertaken within outpatient appointments delivered via the Community Mental Health Teams.



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.

