

Freedom of Information Act Request – Autistic Spectrum Disorder

Question 1. How many adults you have with a diagnosis of autistic spectrum disorder (any, although if there are separate statistics for Asperger's, HFA, LFA, they would be appreciated) in your area;

Response – This information is not held centrally within our recording systems.

Question 2 - How many children;

Response – This information is not held centrally within our recording systems. We are currently in the process of collating this information for future provision of service and new diagnosis.

Question 3 - What diagnostic services are available to a) adults and b) children;

Response - Diagnostic services to adults are available through various sources, these include:

Learning Disability and Forensic Mental Health Services - provided by ABM University Health Board and mental health services provided by Cardiff and Vale UHB.

Diagnostic services to children – Access to the new social communication assessment pathway will be through referral by educational psychologist, GP's and health visitors to either a paediatrician consultant or via Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

[CAMHS](#) are hosted by Cwm Taf Health Board

Question 4 - What agencies or teams you have that work with autistic people, provide support/services, strategise, etc.

Response – Cardiff and Vale UHB does not have a designated ASD service for adults but we are seeking to develop practices that can be sustained and supported within current services and have developments currently being investigated in terms of further developing ASD clinical pathways and ASD services.

The UHB has representatives who contribute to the national diagnostic ASD steering group and whose role it is to embed consistent practice and standards in local Health Boards. We also link in to local ASD stakeholder groups who are responsible for developing services for children and adults with ASD. These groups are led by the Local Authority, who manage the funding, and have representation from a wide range of statutory and third sector organisations as well as parents and individuals with ASD.

The chair of the local ASD group is from the Cardiff Local Authority, but the group has a multi organisational set up including the main statutory agencies (Health, Social Services and Education), representatives of parent groups, voluntary sector reps and specialist ASD providers.

For individuals with a co-existing learning disability they are able to access services via the Community Support Teams based in Cardiff and Vale UHB, the Health services in these teams are co-ordinated by ABM UHB.

Website for each of these agencies or teams where possible.

[Cardiff Council LA](#)

[Vale of Glamorgan LA](#)

[ABM University Health Board](#)

[Cardiff and Vale University Health Board](#)

Question 5 - What the typical process should be for an adult in your area first asking their GP for an assessment for autistic spectrum disorder to receiving a diagnosis/support.

Response – Referral to appropriate area and Multi-disciplinary assessment.