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Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

[,  
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Dear [Redacted s40(2)],

Thank you for your email of 30 May addressed to Sarah Murphy MS, Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing about shared care arrangements for people with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). I have been asked to reply, and I apologise for any delay in responding due to the large amount of correspondence we have been receiving at this time.

I was sorry to read about your concerns. However, I hope you will understand that neither Welsh Ministers nor their officials are able to comment on individual cases as these are matters which must be dealt with by the medical providers responsible for the patient's care.

People who request to be referred privately are expected to pay the full cost of any treatment they receive in relation to the care provided privately. It will be for your GP to consider what NHS treatment is appropriate, your GP may wish to refer you to a specialist within NHS Wales to continue your treatment.

People across Wales are continuing to wait too long for assessment and the issues are complex. However, the Welsh Government is committed to transforming neurodivergence services. The Neurodivergence Improvement Programme has been making progress since its establishment in 2022, supported by £12m of additional funding. Officials are working at pace to drive significant changes through the Programme. The primary goal remains the development of timely and consistent all-age neurodevelopmental services, complemented by effective additional advice and support services.

Due to conclude in March 2025, the Minister was delighted to be able to confirm [additional investment](#) of £13.7m in February, extending the Programme to March 2027. This includes £6 million per year to support the Neurodivergence Improvement Programme. In 2025/26, this funding will be focused on reducing children's neurodevelopmental waiting times. The Minister is setting an ambitious target to eliminate all three-year waits across Wales by March 2026.



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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

On the 27 June, the Minister issued a [Written Statement](#) to provide an update on health board's plans to reduce waiting times for children's neurodevelopmental assessments in 2024-25 and sets out the revised priorities for the Neurodivergence Improvement Programme in 2025-26, which includes a target of eliminating all three-year waits across Wales by March 2026.

We will also be reviewing current pathways into neurodevelopmental services to ensure equity and accessibility. This will include the provision of guidance on what information is required to make a 'good' referral and we are currently exploring other approaches and innovative projects across the UK. Our aim for this work is a consistent, national approach avoiding postcode lottery and variance where possible.

Should you have any further concerns about your healthcare and treatment you may wish to raise these directly with your local health board through the *Putting Things Right* procedure. Further information can be found via this link: [Contact us - NHS Wales](#)

You may also wish to know that a new national citizen voice body called Llais has been established. It offers a free, independent complaints advocacy service to support anyone wishing to make a complaint about health or social services. Contact information can be found here: [In your area | Llais](#)

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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