

**FoI request re: ADHD services**

**Ref: 23-HS-1605**

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding to your request for information relating to ADHD services.

Please find our responses below:

**Request 1:**

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

For each of those years how many adult assessments for ADHD were done?

[We do not provide a service for adults with ADHD.](#)

**Request 2:**

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

[N/A](#)

**Request 3:**

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).

[N/A](#)

**Request 4:**

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

[N/A](#)

**Request 5:**

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

[N/A](#)

**Request 6:**

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

[N/A](#)

**Request 7:**

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

[N/A](#)

**Request 8:**

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

[N/A](#)

**Request 9:**

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

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

**Request 10:**

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

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Response for Q9 and 10:

	F	M	Unspecified
2022/23	58	108	≤5
2021/22	21	50	

Please note that the trust's policy is not to provide patient or staff numbers, where the response is less than or equal to five ( $\leq 5$ ) as it would potentially allow identification of the individual patient/staff and would therefore be personal data. The trust considers that release of that information would breach GDPR/DPA18 principles on the grounds that it would not be fair in all the circumstances. This information is therefore exempt under section 40 of the FOI Act 2000.

**Request 11:**

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).

2022/23	87.49
2021/22	85.82

**Request 12:**

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

	F	M	Unspecified
2022/23	85.61	88.52	85.28
2021/22	96.25	81.44	

**Request 13:**

For each of those years how many child ADHD referrals were rejected prior to assessment? We are unable to provide you with the information as our services does not have the pathway data for not accepted referrals.

**Request 14:**

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

N/A

**Request 15:**

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

**Request 16:**

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

Response for Q15 and Q16:

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	F	M	Unspecified
2022/23	127	226	
2021/22	116	215	≤5

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**Request 17:**

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.

Do you currently have a commissioned adult ADHD assessment service?

N/A

**Request 18:**

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

N/A

**Request 19:**

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

N/A

**Request 20:**

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

N/A

**Request 21:**

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

N/A

**Request 22:**

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

N/A

**Request 23:**

With regards to your child ADHD services

Do you currently have a commissioned child ADHD Assessment service?

We are commissioned to provide a diagnostic service which includes ADHD.

**Request 24:**

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

See response for Q15.

**Request 25:**

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

80+weeks

**Request 26:**

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

140 weeks

**Request 27:**

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

Process for reviewing- this entails reviewing the information in the referral first and deciding if further screening is needed. there is also a school questionnaire on areas of concern which is sent to schools, and they are encouraged to send this in with the referral, if they are the referrer. If not, it is chased up anyway, with parental consent. If further info is needed, then there is a screening call to parents by either intake clinicians or specially trained clinicians which go through

- early history of concerns in neurodevelopment

- current concerns in depth, especially in areas of attention, impulsivity and hyperactivity. If several features are noted in each area, the threshold for assessment is likely to be reached. Special attention may be paid to gathering info for young people thought to be masking their difficulties in school.

- there are also wider questions about history of trauma, family history, and other relevant areas to check for co-occurring mental health or other neurodevelopmental conditions, in order to see what other supports or assessments will be needed.

If information is contradictory from parents and school, or information is unclear or sparse, conners questionnaires may be sent out to parents, school and possibly a young person if appropriate.

The final decision is made by one of the joint managers of the neurodevelopmental team. They are then placed on a waiting list .

**Request 28:**

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

The scope of the Freedom of Information Act deals only in recorded information and facts. Opinions, plans, explanations and justifications are not within the scope of the Freedom of Information Act unless those opinions, plans, explanations and justifications have been recorded.

There is no recorded information that would answer this question

**Request 29:**

Information on your financial year.

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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022-31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

**Request 30:**

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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021-31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

I hope you find this information useful. Please quote the above reference in any further communication on this matter.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or at the address shown below.

Yours sincerely

FOI Coordinator

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