

Our ref: FOI – 1544

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

- 1. What is the Average wait time for an ADHD diagnosis for Adults within the Trust Area?**
- 2. What is the current target waiting times for ADHD diagnosis?**
- 3. When was the last time the ADHD service met the maximum waiting time target as set by the Health and Social Care Commissioning plan and indicators of performance Direction?**
- 4. What ADHD services are commissioned for Adults in the Trust area? Are the commissioned services in proportion to the levels of ADHD suspected in the Population?**
- 5. How much funding is allocated to ADHD services in the Trust area?**

Response to questions 1-5:

There is no commissioned ADHD service for adults in the SHSCT therefore there is no assessment pathway in place for new referrals. If a person is diagnosed with ADHD in children's services and required ongoing medication management by a psychiatrist, they will continue to receive regular reviews by a psychiatrist in adult mental health services. Waiting times for ADHD diagnosis in adult services is not recorded or reported on in the SHSCT as there is no commissioned service in place.

- 6. If Adults have a private diagnosis of ADHD, are they accepted into the Trust ADHD services?**

Response to question 6:

A full assessment by the prescriber will be required before pharmacological interventions are recommended.

- 7. What interventions are offered to adults whilst they are waiting to be seen for their ADHD diagnosis appointment?**

Response to question 7:

There is no commissioned service for adult ADHD diagnosis in the SHSCT. Should individuals require the services of mental health, learning disability or physical disability community teams, referrals can be made by General Practitioners.

9. Has a patient impact assessment been completed by the Trust for those on the ADHD waiting list? For the individual and their family/ carers?

Response to question 9:

A Patient Impact Assessment is being completed currently

10. Does the Trust area allocate any funding to the voluntary sector for ADHD support services?

Response to question 10:

The Trust does not allocate funding to organisations specifically supporting people with ADHD in the voluntary sector.

11. How has ADHD been considered in the Recent Mental Health strategy?

Response to question 11:

The Department of Health is responsible for the Mental Health Strategy.

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12. How are co-morbid conditions managed within the ADHD Adult services

There is no commissioned service for Adult ADHD in the Southern HSC Trust.

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