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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1. How many Individuals are currently on the Children’s ADHD diagnosis waiting list?

As at month end 28/02/23, there were 438 children/young people on the ADHD diagnosis waiting list.

Team	(1)0-3	(2)3-6	(3)6-9	(4)9-13	(5)13-21	(6)21+	Grand Total
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2. What is the Average wait time for an ADHD diagnosis for children within the Trust Area?

The current waiting time for an initial appointment for an ADHD assessment as of 28/02/23 is 22 weeks.

3. What is the current target waiting times for ADHD diagnosis?

Currently there is no target waiting times for ADHD assessment provided by the DOH.

4. 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?

At this time there are no waiting times set out by Health and Social Care Commissioning Team therefore there is no maximum waiting time set for assessment or post diagnostic intervention.

5. What ADHD services are commissioned for Children in the Trust area? Are the commissioned services in proportion to the levels of ADHD suspected in the Population?

The services that are currently commissioned within the SHSCT for ADHD assessment and intervention are not sufficient to meet the demand as

indicated by current waiting lists.

Services provided by SHSCT ADHD service provide diagnostic assessment and Parents/carers of children/young people, who have an open referral for assessment to ADHD Service, are invited to attend virtual workshops on a range of topics relevant to key developmental areas and emotional health and wellbeing.

ADHD Service have a website (SHSCT website) and this provides information and resources for parents/carers. Parents/carers can contact ADHD Service Monday-Friday 09.00-17.00 for advice and support from a member of staff.

6. How much funding is allocated to children's ADHD services in the Trust area?

There is no ring fenced allocated budget specific to ADHD services in the Southern Trust.

7. If children have a private diagnosis of ADHD, are they accepted into the Trust ADHD services?

The Trust will accept National Institute of Clinical Guidelines (NICE) compliant private assessments as a referral into our intervention service. Assessments are reviewed using NICE guidelines and the Trust assessment processes as a benchmark as to the acceptability of a Private assessment.

8. What interventions are offered to children and families whilst they are waiting to be seen for an ADHD diagnosis appointment?

Parents/carers of children/young people who have an open referral for assessment to ADHD Service are invited to attend virtual workshops on a range of topics relevant to key developmental areas and emotional health and wellbeing. Parents/carers are informed of these virtual workshops via email and a text message service.

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

The Trust does not understand what is meant by a patient impact

assessment specific to ADHD

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

The SHSCT has a current contract with ADD-NI –Children's charity.

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

The Department of Health lead on this.

12. How are co-morbid conditions managed within the children's ADHD service?

For children/young people who have co-morbid conditions the ADHD Service will liaise with other services and professionals as required.

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