

FOI – 1620

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON ADULT ADHD SERVICES

1. For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:
 - a. For each of those years how many adult assessments for ADHD were done?
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
 - b. 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).
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
 - c. For each of those years how many adult ADHD referrals were rejected prior to the individual receiving an assessment?
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
 - d. For each of those years how many adults were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

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 diagnosed with ADHD in children's services requires 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.

QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON CHILD ADHD SERVICES

2. For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:
 - a. For each of those years how many child assessments for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) were done?
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
 - b. 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).
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
 - c. For each of those years how many child ADHD referrals were rejected prior to assessment?
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
 - d. For each of those years how many children were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

See attached Newsletter for response to child ADHD services

GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION AND ITS ADHD SERVICES

3. With relation to the present time (reflecting the most recent data that you have). Please can you answer the following questions:
 - a. With regards to your adult ADHD services.
 - i. Do you currently have a commissioned adult ADHD assessment service?

- ii. How many adults do you have waiting for an adult ADHD assessment?
- iii. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for an adult ADHD Assessment?
- iv. What is your current longest waiting time for an adult ADHD Assessment?
- v. What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject adults who have been referred for an ADHD assessment.
- vi. Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for adults with ADHD?

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b. With regards to your child ADHD services

- i. Do you currently have a commissioned child ADHD Assessment service?

No commissioned service – 1.1 wte Band 6 funding currently employed to support ADHD Assessment.

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

461 awaiting first appointment.

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

Average for first appointment 23 weeks.

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

Currently longest wait is 23 weeks.

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

ADHD Assessment Referral Criteria:

- Child or young person aged 6 to 18yrs old.***

- ***Difficulties with inattention +/- hyperactivity +/- impulsivity***
- ***Difficulties were present before the age of 12 years old.***
- ***Evidence of difficulties that affect the young person in multiple domains i.e. home and school.***

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

Within the Southern Health and Social Care Trust Children's ADHD team we adhere to the National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidelines on Attention deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: diagnosis and management.

c. Information on your financial year.

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

01/04/22 – 31/03/23 ii. What are the dates of

your financial year 2021-22.

01/04/21 – 31/03/22

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