

FOI 2640

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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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### **1. ADHD and Autism Assessments:**

- **Please provide information on the current ADHD and Autism assessment backlog within your Trust – for adults and children i.e. how many assessments are pending and timescales**

#### **Response:**

Within Southern Health & Social Care Trust (SHSCT) the number of children/young people awaiting:

- ADHD assessment is 720 and the longest wait is 86 weeks for an assessment to start from the date of referral.
  - Autism assessment is 1509 and the longest wait is 70 weeks for an assessment to start from the date of referral.
  - See attached newsletter and data.
  - The Adult ASD Diagnostic Clinic is a diagnostic only clinic with a remit for the assessment of ASD.
  - There are currently 455 people waiting for an ASD assessment.
  - The longest waiting times is 7 years.
  - A screening clinic has been established to help ensure referrals are placed on the appropriate waiting list and/or signposted to alternative services.
  - The Southern Trust has no commissioned ADHD adult diagnostic service and as such does not hold a waiting list
- **Does your Trust currently use private healthcare providers to assist in delivering ADHD and Autism assessments (for Adults & Children)?**

**Response:**

- SHSCT does not use private healthcare providers to assist with any ADHD and/or Autism assessments for children/young people or adults.

**If applicable:**

- **Please provide the names of these private healthcare providers.**

**Response:**

n/a

- **Please specify the cost per ADHD assessment and cost per Autism assessment.**

**Response:**

n/a

- **Provide details regarding the scope and duration of any contractual agreements with these providers, including the turnaround timeframe for completion of outsourced ADHD and Autism assessments.**

**Response:**

n/a

- **What is the Trust annual budget to outsource ADHD and Autism assessments and what is the current annual spend?**

**Response:**

n/a

- **How many ADHD and Autism assessments are outsourced each month and is their scope to increase this number? If so, by how many?**

**Response:**

n/a

- **Do your current provider/s have or offer the capacity to address the backlog within the Trusts required timeframes?**

**Response:**

n/a

- **Please provide the name and contact information of the individual/team for the Trust who would manage the ADHD/Autism assessments (for Adults & Children).**

**2. Other Mental Health Assessments:**

- **Does your Trust use private healthcare providers to assist in delivering any other types of mental health assessments outside of ADHD and Autism assessments?**



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- The Trust currently does not outsource to private providers to complete any assessments (ASD, ADHD, mental health)
- **If so, please specify what types of assessments these are, the names of the private healthcare providers involved, and the costs associated with these services.**

**Response:**

n/a

- **Include details about the scope and duration of any contractual agreements for these services.**

**Response:**

n/a

**If your Trust is not currently using private healthcare providers to help reduce or clear this assessment backlog, would you consider doing so now or in the future?**

**Response:**

At this time the SHSCT is not considering using private healthcare providers to help reduce assessment waiting lists.

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