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ADHD SERVICES

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.

2021-22 – 135 assessments were offered. 113 attended and 22 DNA'd/CNA

2022-23 – 120 assessments were offered. 101 attended and 19 DNA'd/CAN

Gender information is not capture by IT system.

- 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.

This can't be quantified as the waiting list is a live document and changes hourly/daily.

Gender information is not captured by IT system.

- 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.

This information regarding rejections and gender is not captured on the IT system

- 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.

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2021-2022 837 on waiting list at the end of year

2022-23 1710 on waiting list at the end of year

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?

Please see below

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

2021/22 - There were 116 females and 283 males. Total 399
2022/23 – There were 205 females and 497 males. Total 702

- 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.

For each year the average waiting time was 260 weeks, we are unable to 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.

We do not have this information by gender
Year 21/22 214 referrals rejected.
Year 22/23 246 referrals rejected

- 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.

21/22 534 awaiting assessment.

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22/23 964 awaiting assessment.

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?

There is no commissioned funding for ADHD within Mental Health Services

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

1710

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

432 weeks (assuming there are 4 new patients clinics a week)

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

193 weeks

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

Currently the referrals are triaged and accepted for assessment based on limited information . The aim is to develop a more robust and in-depth triage to assist General Practise when making referrals .

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

The Trust recognise the limitations placed on service provision in the absence of a commissioned service for ADHD.

b. With regards to your child ADHD services

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

The Children's ADHD service has never been specifically commissioned in the Trust area. The clinics have grown organically, as a result of service demand. They are run by Community Paediatricians, without formal input from Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). Demand significantly outweighs capacity.

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

There are 1,000 children on the ADHD waiting list for assessment.

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

The current waiting time in weeks is 264.

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

The longest waiting time for a child for an ADHD assessment is 5 years and 1 month.

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

All referrals are triaged at a weekly referral meeting by a Consultant Paediatrician. Referrals that meet the service criteria are allocated to the ADHD waiting list. The child/s parents/carers, the referral and social worker if involved will be notified of all appointments offered.

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

The service does not meet NICE guidelines for the management of ADHD.

- c. Information on your financial year

- i. What are the dates of your financial year 2022-23.
1st April 22 – 31st March 23
- ii. What are the dates of your financial year 2021-22.
1st April 21 – 31st March 22

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