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To whom it may concern

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Thank you for your request for information as detailed below, together with our reply.

Your question and our response

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.

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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.

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?
 - b. With regards to your child ADHD services
 - i. Do you currently have a commissioned child ADHD Assessment service?
 - ii. How many children do you have waiting for a child ADHD assessment?
 - iii. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for a child ADHD Assessment?
 - iv. What is your current longest waiting time for a child ADHD Assessment?
 - v. What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject children who have been referred for an ADHD assessment.
 - vi. Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for children with ADHD?
 - c. Information on your financial year.
 - i. What are the dates of your financial year 2022-23.
 - ii. What are the dates of your financial year 2021-22.

Answer.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act the Trust has the right to refuse to process any request for information where the costs associated with that production would exceed £450.00. This is calculated at the flat rate of £25 per hour and equates to 18 working hours.

To collate the information requested would require the review of all the patient's records who have attended attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) services during this time frame which would be 30 minutes per record and exceed the appropriate time limit. The limit for this organisation is £450 calculated at a rate of £25 per hour to a maximum of 18 hours. The time to extract the information would exceed 18 hours and would, therefore, exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined in The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 SI 2004 No 3244.

If it would be useful, please consider re-submitting three separate Freedom of Information requests for: adults, children and general questions about the Trust's ADHD services, this will allow the Trust to determine if it is able to answer each request within the 'appropriate limit'. Please note the Trust does not hold collated and reported or easily retrievable data in relation to some of the questions relating to gender and also in relation to referrals which were rejected.

If you have any further queries, please contact me.

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If you would like to request a review, please write to:

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If you remain dissatisfied, after an internal review decision, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner's Office. The commissioner is an

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Information Commissioners Office
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

The Trust continually strives to provide the best possible service to people who request information using the Freedom of Information Act 2000 legislation. To help achieve this, the Trust would be most grateful if you would complete, and return, the attached applicant satisfaction survey form.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Bird". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Matt Bird
Deputy Director of Governance, Safety & Risk