

## ADHD UK

### Your FOI 1777 request's official response

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Dear Mr Shelford

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that our response is:

#### QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON ADULT ADHD SERVICES

##### Question 1a.

For your financial years 2022-2023 and 2021-2022 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.

##### Answer

2021/22	
Female	172
Male	144
2022/23	
Female	332
Male	232

##### Question 1b.

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.

**Answer**

2022/2023 = 82.4 days.

2021/2022 = 28.3 days.

**Question 1c.**

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.

**Answer**

Please be advised that we are unable to provide this information, as the reporting is not set up to include this data, and would take us over the time limit to develop. However, we can provide the number of referrals made within each financial year by gender:

2022/2023: Female = 1241. Male = 831.

2021/2022: Female = 507. Male = 417.

**Question 1d.**

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.

**Answer**

Please be advised that we are unable to provide this information, as a report would need to be developed.

However, we can confirm that the current number of clients awaiting a 1st Assessment = 940 as at 11/05/2023.

**QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON CHILD ADHD SERVICES**

**Question 2a.**

For your financial years 2022-2023 and 2021-2022 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.

**Answer**

April 2021 to Sept 2021.

4wk - this information is not reported in the same way pre Sept 2021, therefore, we are unable to extract this data. To provide this data would be a new development which would exceed the time and cost associated with FOI guidance.

8wk - this information is not reported in the same way pre Sept 2021, therefore, we are unable to extract this data. To provide this data would be a new development which would exceed the time and cost associated with FOI guidance.

Oct 2021 - March 2022.

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Gateway - 543

April 2022 - March 2023.

Gateway = 1813.

### **Question 2b.**

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.

#### **Answer**

2021-Sept 2021 = 5.4.

Oct 2021- March 2022 = 9.

April 2022 - March 2023 = 9.

### **Question 2c.**

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.

#### **Answer**

April 2021 - March 2022 = 632.

April 2022 - March 2023 = 135.

### **Question 2d.**

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.

## **Answer**

April 2021 - Sept 2021 = 123.

Oct 2021 - March 2022 = 57.

c-CAMHs, we are unable to provide split for Gateway.

April 2022 - March 2023 = 409.

## **GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION AND ITS ADHD SERVICES**

### **Question 3a**

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?

## **Answer**

Data as at 17th April 2023:

i. No.

ii. 879.

iii. 11.9 weeks (82.5 days) - this is in context of an 18 week RTT locally commissioned target.

iv. 600 Days.

v. The ADHD process is currently under review to streamline in all teams, essentially the following happens:-

- A referral is received along with an ADHD assessment form.
- It is then screened and if it meets the ADHD requirements, the referee is asked to complete a further 5 specific ADHD assessment forms.
- Once all documentation is returned, a medic will review and determine whether an ADHD assessment will be offered or declined with appropriate letter sent to the referrer and service user.

vi. Yes we are confident we are satisfying NICE guidelines for adults with ADHD.

### **Question 3b**

With relation to the present time (reflecting the most recent data that you have).

Please can you answer the following questions:

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?

### **Answer**

Data as at 17th April 2023:

i. No.

ii. We are unable to provide this information, as we do not record data by diagnosis/intervention.

iii. We are unable to provide this information, as we do not record data by diagnosis/intervention.

iv. We are unable to provide this information, as we do not record data by diagnosis/intervention.

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?

v. All referrals to CAMHS are screened, and where there is a Co morbid Mental Health problem, the child would be assessed. If there is no comorbidity, the referrer would be sign posted to Paediatrics. There is no Paediatric service in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area for children 16+, and this is an area of concern.

vi. CAMHS is consistent with NICE guidelines.

### **Question 3c.**

c. Information on your financial year.

i. What are the dates of your financial year 2022-2023.

ii. What are the dates of your financial year 2021-2022.

### **Answer**

i. 01/04/2022 - 31/03/2023.

ii 01/04/2021 - 31/03/2022.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator



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