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Dear Henry Shelford

### **Freedom of Information Request – 23.024**

I write regarding your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

#### **Your 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.

**The Trust does not offer this service for adults. This is usually provided by adult mental health services.**

#### **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? **2021 – 22 =241; 2022 – 23**
    - 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).  
**2022 / 23 = 70 weeks; 2021/22 = 68**
  - 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? **2022 / 23 = 155; 2021/22 = 91**
  - 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. **2022/23 = 640 2021/22 = 300**
  - 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?  
**Yes**
    - ii. How many children do you have waiting for a child ADHD assessment?  
**154**
    - iii. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for a child ADHD Assessment? **80 weeks for initial assessment**
    - iv. What is your current longest waiting time for a child ADHD Assessment?  
**96 weeks**
    - 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 into the service are reviewed by two clinicians working through the information that has been sent in for each CYP. The decision to accept or return to referrer is based on the information sent through and the referral letter.**
    - vi. Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for children with ADHD? **Yes.**
  
  - 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.  
**01/04/22-31/03/23.**

I hope that this information has helped you. If you are dissatisfied with the response you may request an internal review of our handling of your request by submitting a complaint to the address above. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communication. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Dalton', written in a cursive style.

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