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Dear Mr Shelford,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

Thank you for your request for the provision of the following information.

Please may I request the answers to the following questions. With regards to your organisation: NHS Ayrshire and Arran

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.

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.

Response:

QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON ADULT ADHD SERVICES

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This information is not held in a reportable format. To collate this information would require a manual search of case notes.*

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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?
No
 - 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?

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- b. With regards to your child ADHD services
 - i. Do you currently have a commissioned child ADHD Assessment service?
No
 - ii. How many children do you have waiting for a child ADHD assessment?
123 children and young people awaiting ADHD assessment, 473 awaiting combined ADHD and ASD assessment.
 - iii. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for a child ADHD Assessment?
156 – 182 weeks
 - iv. What is your current longest waiting time for a child ADHD Assessment?
182 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 new Requests for Assistance for ADHD assessment are offered an initial mental health check and risk assessment with the community CAMHS team. If there are concerns in relation to ADHD the child/young person's details are transferred to Neurodiverse CAMHS (N-CAMHS) and added to the waiting list for assessment of ADHD.
 - vi. Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for children with ADHD?
Yes, the assessment, diagnostic and treatment process is in line with the ADHD, NICE Guidelines.
- 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.

*NHS Ayrshire & Arran does not centrally record this information. ADHD assessments are not identifiable within Trakcare for Adult and CAMHS services. As there are no specific ADHD lists on our systems we would need to complete a case note audit of all patients which would require a manual trawl of approximately 12,000 records to identify if an assessment had been requested or completed.

This would be burdensome on our limited resources and a time consuming exercise. We estimate this would take several hours and be out with the cost of compliance as this would exceed the £600 prescribed limit set in regulation 5 of the Freedom of Information (Fees for Required Disclosure)(Scotland) Regulations 2004. Therefore NHS Ayrshire & Arran is not

obliged under section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to comply with your request.

You may wish to narrow the parameters of your request, which may bring the cost of compliance below the threshold. Any further request for information will be treated as a new Freedom of Information request. If you wish to narrow your request please contact me and we can discuss what could be provided within the cost limit.

In coming to this decision we have taken into account the guidance provided by the Scottish Information Commissioner (SIC) on applying section 12.

<https://www.itspublicknowledge.info/sites/default/files/2022-03/FeesandExcessiveCostofComplianceBriefing.pdf>

I trust this response is helpful. However, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 if you are dissatisfied with our response you are entitled to request a review. A request for a review must be made in writing to Mrs Ann Wilson, Head of Information Governance and Data Protection Officer, NHS Ayrshire & Arran, 14 Lister Street, University Hospital Crosshouse, Kilmarnock, KA2 0BB or email InformationGovernance@aapct.scot.nhs.uk, no later than 40 working days from 13 May 2023. You must provide your full name, an address for correspondence, details of your original request and say why you would like a review.

If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further advice or assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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