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Your Ref:
Our Ref: FOI 2023-246

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Dear Sirs,

Request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

Further to your recent enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act, received on 17th April 2023 please find our response below. In your request you asked for the following information:

Q1 QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON ADULT ADHD SERVICES

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.

A1 Ai) NHS Western Isles are unable to identify this data as clinical records are stored in paper format. The retrieval of this information would take staff approximately 1000 hours to go through the paper records therefore is over the cost of compliance. Please see information below.

Bi) NHS Western Isles do not have a system that can identify diagnoses and referrals and consequent waiting times.

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Ci) NHS Western Isles does not reject referrals.

Di) NHS Western Isles does not have a system that can identify numbers for same reasons as above.

Q2 QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON CHILD ADHD SERVICES

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.

**A2 a) 2022-2023: <5
2021-2022: <5 – We are unable to break the information down by gender as this becomes identifiable.**

**b) 2022-23: 8wks 1d
2021-22: 4wks 5d**

c) Zero. NHS Western Isles CAMHS operates a no rejected referrals policy.

d) Zero

Q3 GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION AND ITS ADHD SERVICES

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.

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- 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.

- A3 Ai) No**
- Aii-iv) NHS Western Isles currently does not have a system to record this information therefore, along with the answer provided for Question 1Ai, to gather this information would be over the cost of compliance. Please see information below.**
- Av) We have a pathway/protocol located on intranet. We do not reject referrals.**
- Avi) Yes.**
- Bi) NO. NHS Western Isles is committed to a generalised neurodevelopmental approach and is currently developing a comprehensive Neurodevelopmental Pathway to ensure that all ND needs are assessed timeously and in keeping with best available evidence (NAIT, NICE etc)**
- Bii) None.**

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- Biii) Not applicable.
Biv) Not applicable.
Bv) NHS Western Isles CAMHS operates a no rejected referrals policy.
Bvi) Yes. NG87 is embedded in our current ADHD assessment process and is also one of the source documents used in developing our future pathways
- Ci) 01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023
Cii) 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022

Exemptions applied:

Where the entries above are quoted as less than five (<5) the exact number is exempt S16(1)(b) under section 38(1)(b) as read with section 38(2)(a)(i). As the number is less than 5 it is felt that to give any more detailed information would potentially identify individuals.

I can confirm NHS Western Isles holds information falling within the description specified in your request for Question 1A and 3Aii-iv. However the cost of complying with your request, which would involve locating, retrieving and extracting this information would incur fees that would exceed the upper cost limit of £600 as set out in the Fees Regulations of Annex 3 of the Code of Practice on the Discharge of Functions by Public Authorities under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and we are therefore refusing to release the information under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

The cost was calculated as follows:

Staff time: **£15.00 x 1000 hours = £15,000**

Total cost = **£15,000**

If you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Western Isles has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request within 40 working days and we will respond within 20 working days of its receipt. For this review you should write to Information Governance Manager, NHS Western Isles, 37 South Beach, Stornoway Isle of Lewis, HS1 2BB stating clearly why you wish a review to be carried out.

If, following the outcome of a request for review, you are still dissatisfied you have the right to make an application for a decision by the Scottish Information Commissioner under section 47(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 within 6 months of receiving the response to review letter. The Commissioner can be contacted at Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St

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Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS or by telephone on 01334 464610 or via the website www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal.

If you have any further queries regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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