

27 June 2023

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE**

Dear Requester

**FOI Reference Number: 70883**

I write in response to your email dated 5 June 2023 which requested information regarding ADHD under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

The Integrated Care Board (ICB) is confirming in accordance with Section (1) (a) of the Act, whether it holds the information requested and (b) is supplying it unless stated otherwise.

NHS Norfolk and Waveney ICB can confirm it holds the requested information in part. Accordingly, the ICB has provided a copy of your request below along with its response(s) for context and ease of reference.

The ICB does commission adult ADHD services via Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust as sought at Q1 GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION AND ITS ADHD SERVICES.

The ICB does not hold the information for all other questions.

Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust should be able to assist you with adult's information

[Freedom of Information Publication Scheme | Norfolk and Suffolk NHS \(nsft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nsftr.nhs.uk/foi)

and Norfolk Community health and Care NHS Trust

[FOI request form | NCH&C \(norfolkcommunityhealthandcare.nhs.uk\)](https://www.norfolkcommunityhealthandcare.nhs.uk/foi)

and James Paget University Hospitals NHS Trust [Freedom of information \(jpaget.nhs.uk\)](https://www.jpah.nhs.uk/foi) with children's information.

### **QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON ADULT ADHD SERVICES**

1. For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:
  1. For each of those years how many adult assessments for ADHD were done?
  1. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
  2. 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).
    1. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
  3. For each of those years how many adult ADHD referrals were rejected prior to the individual receiving an assessment?

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1. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
4. For each of those years how many adults were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.
1. 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**

1. For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:
  1. For each of those years how many child assessments for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) were done?
    1. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
    2. 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).
      1. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
      3. For each of those years how many child ADHD referrals were rejected prior to assessment?
        1. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
        4. For each of those years how many children were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.
          1. 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**

1. With relation to the present time (reflecting the most recent data that you have). Please can you answer the following questions:
  1. With regards to your adult ADHD services.
    1. Do you currently have a commissioned adult ADHD assessment service?
    2. How many adults do you have waiting for an adult ADHD assessment?
    3. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for an adult ADHD Assessment?
    4. What is your current longest waiting time for an adult ADHD Assessment?
    5. What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject adults who have been referred for an ADHD assessment.
    6. Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for adults with ADHD?
  2. With regards to your child ADHD services
    1. Do you currently have a commissioned child ADHD Assessment service?
    2. How many children do you have waiting for a child ADHD assessment?
    3. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for a child ADHD Assessment?
    4. What is your current longest waiting time for a child ADHD Assessment?
    5. What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject children who have been referred for an ADHD assessment.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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The ICB will investigate your complaint independently in accordance with the process described within its FOI Policy. An outcome will be provided within 20 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided the ICB.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: telephone 0303 123 1113, email [icocasework@ico.org.uk](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk) and <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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Yours faithfully  
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Arden & GEM CSU  
**On behalf of NHS Norfolk and Waveney ICB**

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