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Dear Henry

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

#### ***Requested information:***

#### **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.

**Data is not available for adults, as the Trust was not commissioned to provide this service during this time period**

#### **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.

**We are unable to provide any Referral or Activity data given the lack of a specific ADHD team to which we could associate any data. ADHD cases are seen in core CAMHS services, and we are therefore unable to identify the numbers involved without a manual trawl of Clinical notes.**

### 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? **Yes this service has been recently commissioned but has not yet been launched**
    - ii.How many adults do you have waiting for an adult ADHD assessment? **As above**
    - 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? **Not as a standalone service but ADHD is assessed and managed within our core CAMHS Teams.**
    - ii.How many children do you have waiting for a child ADHD assessment? **Data is not available**
    - iii. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for a child ADHD Assessment? **Data is not available**
    - iv. What is your current longest waiting time for a child ADHD Assessment? **Data is not available**
    - v.What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject children who have been referred for an ADHD assessment. **We screen and triage all referrals and where appropriate request further supporting information from parents and schools**
    - vi.Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for children with ADHD? **Yes**

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c. Information on your financial year.

i. What are the dates of your financial year 2022-23. **1<sup>st</sup> April 2022-31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

ii. What are the dates of your financial year 2021-22. **1<sup>st</sup> April 2021-31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. 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: Peter Axon, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. 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: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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