

16 May 2023

Dear Henry Shelford,

**Freedom of Information request  
NHS North West London (Ref: ICB23-337)**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request made to NHS North West London.

**You requested the following information:**

***Please may I request the answers to the following questions. With regards to your organisation: North West London ICB***

**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.*

**Our response to your request is:**

For questions 1, our two commissioned ADHD providers (for adults) for last year and the year before are Central & North West London NHS FT and Harrow Health CIC.

The ICB does not hold the data requested. Please contact Central & North West London NHS FT ([www.cnwl.nhs.uk](http://www.cnwl.nhs.uk)) direct.

For question 2, the ICB does not commission a specific Children & Young Persons ADHD service but instead, this activity would be captured in CAMHS service. The two providers are The West London NHS Trust ([www.westlondon.nhs.uk](http://www.westlondon.nhs.uk)) and Central & North West London NHS FT ([www.cnwl.nhs.uk](http://www.cnwl.nhs.uk)).

**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, at Central & North West London NHS FT for all of NW London and a waiting list clearance initiative for a historical waiting list of Harrow residents with Harrow Health CIC which will end on 30 September 2023.

- 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.*

Please contact Central & North West London NHS FT ([www.cnwl.nhs.uk](http://www.cnwl.nhs.uk)) the ICB does not hold the information. In our NW London specification, we expect providers to offer a pre-assessment triage service that will consider that there are enough clinical indicators that a full diagnostic assessment is indicated i.e. that there are several features suggestive of ADHD such as difficulties with attention, hyperactivity or impulsivity etc

- vi. *is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for adults with ADHD?*

The NW London specification makes reference to NICE Guideline NG87.

*b. With regards to your child ADHD services*  
Part of the CAMHS service.

- 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.

NHS NW London Integrated Care Board was only established on 1 July 2022.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you can request an internal review of your response by emailing [nhsnw.foi@nhs.net](mailto:nhsnw.foi@nhs.net). The outcome will be reported back to you. Where you feel your request has still not been dealt with properly, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner by writing to: *The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.*

Further information on the Freedom of Information Act is available at: <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

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