



FOI 123 032

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 To: ADHD UK <hello@adhduk.co.uk>

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Dear Henry

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Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 16th April 2023. Please find below your request and our response.

Request / Response

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.

Figures displayed are completed adult ADHD assessments throughout the fiscal year. These also includes service users based on Sheffield and non-Sheffield areas.

ADHD Assessments by Gender for each Fiscal Year	2021-22	2022-23
Male	48	18
Female	32	15
Total	80	33

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.

Figures are based on service users seen for an ADHD assessment throughout the fiscal year. Please note that the average wait time presented by gender will result in shorter wait time due to diversity.

Average Wait Time from Referral to ADHD Assessment in Weeks by Gender for each Fiscal Year	2021-22	2022-23
Male	130.1	169.7
Female	113.5	121.2
Overall Average Wait Time	123.4	140.7

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.

Figures are based on referrals that have not met service criteria and discharges due to non-engagement prior to an ADHD assessment.

Rejected ADHD Referrals by Gender for each Fiscal Year	2021-22	2022-23
Male	379	420
Female	510	640
Total	889	1060

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.

Figures display the wait list for ADHD assessment at the end of fiscal year. These include referrals received that are undergoing screening and triage.

Wait list for ADHD Assessment by Gender for each Fiscal Year	2021-22	2022-23
Male	1511	2286
Female	1419	2562
Total	2930	4848

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.

Information not held. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) are provided by Sheffield Children's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. Their FOI email address is: Scn-tr.schfoi@nhs.net

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?

There is no clear commissioned contract for a specialist adult ADHD service. The current ADHD service is provided within the existing resources at the Sheffield Adult Autism and Neurodevelopmental Service.

ii. How many adults do you have waiting for an adult ADHD assessment?

A total of 5012 referrals are listed as waiting for an adult ADHD assessment.

iii. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for an adult ADHD Assessment?

Based on those recently seen for ADHD assessments, there was an average wait time of 237.4 week from referral to assessment at the end of March 2023.

iv. What is your current longest waiting time for an adult ADHD Assessment?

The current longest wait time for an adult ADHD assessment is 284.7 weeks at end of April 2023. This is based on the earliest referral date for 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.

Referrals received for an ADHD assessment are reviewed against NICE guidance and accepts referrals where the ADHD presentation has a moderate to severe impact. A referral form can be found on Sheffield Adult Autism and Neurodevelopmental Service website for reference. Referrals that do not meet the listed criteria or lack information are signposted or referred back to the referrer.

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

Application of NICE guidance is utilised as part of the triage, assessment and medication process. Due to uncommissioned pathways and insufficient capacity to cope with demand within the service, NICE guidance cannot be fully achieved.

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?

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c. Information on your financial year.

i. What are the dates of your financial year 2022-23.

Dates for financial year 2022-23 start from 01/04/2022 and end after 31/03/2023.

ii. What are the dates of your financial year 2021-22.

Dates for financial year 2021-22 start from 01/04/2021 and end after 31/03/2022.

I hope this information satisfies your request. If you are not happy with our response or the way your request has been dealt with you can ask for an internal review of our decision or make a complaint. You should write to the Freedom of Information Lead at Sheffield Health & Social Care NHS Foundation Trust, 1st Floor, 45 Wardsend Road North, Sheffield S6 1LX or email foi@shsc.nhs.uk Please quote the reference number at the top of the page in any correspondence.

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Kind regards

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