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Dear Mr Shelford

Freedom of Information Request (FOI-ICB 252)

Thank you for your request dated 16 April 2023 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Having reviewed and considered your request, I am able to advise that under section 1(1) (a) (b) of the Act, NHS Somerset does not hold the majority of the requested information, and suggest you contact the service provider [Somerset NHS Foundation Trust](#) for this information. We have been able to provide information below for questions 3 (a) (i), 3 (b) (i) and 3 (c) (i) (ii).

You requested the following information:

Question 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?
- b) 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 what was the average waiting time (in weeks) for adults who had an assessment for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).
- d) If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender
- e) For each of those years how many adult ADHD referrals were rejected prior to the individual receiving an assessment?
- f) If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender?
- g) For each of those years how many adults were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year?
- h) If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender?

Please see our response above.

Question 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?
- b) 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 what was the average waiting time (in weeks) for children who had an assessment for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)?

- d) If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender?
- e) For each of those years how many child ADHD referrals were rejected prior to assessment?
- f) If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender?
- g) For each of those years how many children were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year?
- h) If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender?

Please see our response above.

Question 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?

Somerset ICB do commission an 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?**

Please see our response above.

b) With regards to your child ADHD services

(i) Do you currently have a commissioned child ADHD Assessment service?

Somerset ICB do commission a 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?**

Please see our response above.

c) Information on your financial year.

(i) What are the dates of your financial year 2022-23?

1 April 22 – 31 March 23

(ii) What are the dates of your financial year 2021-22?

1 April 21 – 31 March 22



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If you have any further queries, require any clarification, or have any concerns regarding the way in which your request has been handled and/or to request an internal review, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you remain dissatisfied, you can appeal to the Information Commissioner under section 50 of the Act.

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Yours sincerely

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