

Dear Mr Shelford,

Reference: FOI.23.SWL343

11 May 2023

Re: Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2000* (the Act). This response is provided by NHS South West London Integrated Care Board (ICB).

Your request, along with the ICB's response is detailed below.

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.**

Questions 1 and 2

The ICB does hold some of this information, this can be found in Appendix A

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

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

The ICB only hold data from Your Healthcare CIC provider which is 990 as of February 2023.

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

The ICB only hold data from Your Healthcare CIC provider which is 42 weeks as of February 2023

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.

Questions iv and v

The ICB does not hold this information.

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

Yes

b. With regards to your child ADHD services

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

Yes

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.

Questions ii – v

This information is not held by the ICB.

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

Yes

c. Information on your financial year.

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

1 April – 31 March

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

1 April – 31 March

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Your feedback is welcome to help us improve the service we provide. Please send comments or suggestions to our address.

Yours sincerely,

IG and FOI Team

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