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Ref: Freedom of Information Request
Our Ref: FOI 8883
Date: 26th May 2023

Dear Henry,

I am writing in response to your email dated 16th April 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) regarding ADHD.

Q1 **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*

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- (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.

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Information not held by the Trust.

We do frequently come across both adults and children with attention issues as part of our neuropsychology service however we are not commissioned to provide a specific ADHD service and therefore do not have anyone waiting on a list for an ADHD assessment.

Such a service would be available in the community, offered by at least one of the local Trusts, such as Solent NHS Trust or Southern Health Trust:

<https://www.solent.nhs.uk/>

<https://www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/>

This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request will be held on a database held by the Trust.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request or response, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the decision. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 days of receiving our response.

Requests for an internal review should be addressed to freedomofinformation@uhs.nhs.uk quoting the reference number given at the top of this letter.

If, following the internal review, you are still not satisfied with the outcome, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioners Office can be contacted on 0303 123 1113 or via the web site at <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

With regards,

Freedom of Information Officer

University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust

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