

5th September 2022

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Our ref.: FOI/22/266

Dear Ms Collinson

RE: Freedom of Information (FOI) request – ADHD service

We refer to your Freedom of Information request which was received by the Western Health and Social Care Trust on 28th July 2022. We apologise for the delay.

Your request

- 1. The current wait time for an undiagnosed child (under the age of 18) to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the Health and Social Care Trust.**
 - a. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.**

- 2. The current wait time for an undiagnosed adult to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the Health and Social Care Trust.**
 - a. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.**

- 3. The number of children (under the age of 18) with an ADHD diagnosis. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.**
 - a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.**

4. The number of adults (over the aged of 18 with an ADHD diagnosis. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.
 - a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

5. How many adult assessments were done in the last year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.
 - a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

6. How many children assessments were done in the last year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.
 - a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

7. In the last year how many adult ADHD assessment referrals have been rejected. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.
 - a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

8. In the last year how many children ADHD assessment referrals have been rejected. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.
 - a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

9. In the last year how many adults with an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.
 - a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

10. In the last year how many children with an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.
 - a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

11. In the last year how many adults on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.
 - a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

12. In the last year how many children on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

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Trust response

On 8th August, we emailed you advising that your request was reviewed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the service has stated it will be unlikely to supply the information as it would take in excess of 18 hours to search, locate, identify and extract the information from our systems. We asked you to reconsider or reframe your request and asked that this be returned to us by 18th August. We have not received a response from you so therefore we are now applying an exemption to your request, FOI Fees Limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act (Appropriate Limits and Fees Regulations) provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit (i.e. £450 or 18 hours at £25 per hour).

Yours sincerely

(Not signed – issued by email)

Freedom of Information Office Western Health and Social Care Trust

Freedom of Information: If you are dissatisfied as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the FOI Office, Lime Villa, Gransha Park, Clooney Road, Londonderry, BT47 6WJ (foi.request@westerntrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, usually within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain dissatisfied, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.