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Dear Mr Shelford,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

Thank you for your request for the provision of the following information.

This is a freedom of information request. Thank you for your time and consideration of this.

Section A

(A1) Does your organisation commission Adult ADHD Assessments? If yes, please list:
(A1-i) the organisation or organisations in receipt of commission from you alongside the contract value for the last public sector financial year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) and the current public sector financial year (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026).

No

(A2) Does your organisation commission Child ADHD Assessments? If yes, please list:
(A2-i) the organisation or organisations in receipt of commission from you alongside the contract value for the last public sector financial year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) and the current public sector financial year (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026).

Yes - Healios

Contract value for 2024-2025 - approximately £300,000

We do not have a contract for this financial year. As we do not hold this information it is classed as an exclusion under section 17 (1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

(A3) Does your organisation undertake Adult ADHD Assessments? If yes, please list:
(A3-i) the organisation or organisations that have contracted you to provide the ADHD Assessment service alongside the financial contract value for the last public sector financial year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) and the current public sector financial year (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026).

NHS Ayrshire & Arran Community Mental Health Team (CMHT) provide assessments for Adult ADHD (in Ayrshire and Arran) if they have a co-morbid mental health condition as referred by GP Practice etc.

(A4) Does your organisation undertake Child ADHD Assessments? If yes, please list:
(A4-i) the organisation or organisations that have contracted you to provide the ADHD Assessment service alongside the financial contract value for the last public sector financial year (1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025) and the current public sector financial year (1st April 2025 – 31st March 2026).

NHS Ayrshire and Arran Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) provide assessments for child ADHD (in Ayrshire and Arran) if they have a co-morbid mental health condition as referred by GP Practices, School/Education etc.

Section B

Please could you provide the information for the last public sector year (the period covering 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025).

(B1). The number of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period

78 ADHD Assessments were scheduled ('Attended' and 'Not arrived')*

(B2). The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period.

234 waiting for New ADHD Assessment as at 31 March 2025

(B3). The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the date of receipt of this FOI request.

229 waiting for New ADHD Assessment as at 8 May 2025

(B4). The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period

We are able to provide numbers allocated from specific ADHD waiting list and ADHD/ASD Combined Waiting list. The Service does not have a specific ADHD Appointment type.

25 ADHD specific

129 ADHD/ASD combined

(B5). The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period.

As at 31 March 2025, 1408 (ADHD waiting list = 480, Combined ADHD/ASD waiting list = 928)

(B6). The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment as of the date of receipt of this FOI request.

As at 8 May 2025, 1407 (ADHD waiting list = 479, Combined ADHD/ASD waiting list= 928)

Please can we ask similar questions for the prior public sector year. For the period covering 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

(B7). The number of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period

88 ADHD Assessments were scheduled ('Attended' and 'Not arrived')*

(B8). The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period.

Based on current waiting list where referral received date before April 2024 = 170

(B9). The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period

17 ADHD specific

33 ADHD/ASD

(B10). The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment in that period.

As at 31 March 2024, 1,580 (ADHD waiting list = 528, Combined ADHD/ASD = 1,052)

Please can we ask the same questions for the public sector, the year before the above. For the period covering 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

(B11). The number of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period

We do not centrally hold this information, the service did not have a designated New ADHD Assessment waiting list.*

(B12). The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period.

We do not centrally hold this information, the service did not have a designated New ADHD Assessment waiting list.*

(B13). The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period

7 ADHD specific

40 ADHD/ASD

(B14). The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment in that period.

As at 31 March 2023, 948 (ADHD waiting list = 276, Combined ADHD/ASD = 672)

Please can we ask the same questions for the public sector, the year before the above. For the period covering 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

(B15). The number of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period

We do not centrally hold this information, the service did not have a designated New ADHD Assessment waiting list.*

(B16). The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period.

We do not centrally hold this information, the service did not have a designated New ADHD Assessment waiting list.*

(B17). The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period

1 ADHD specific
22 ADHD/ASD

(B18). The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment in that period.

We do not centrally hold ADHD Assessment specific data.*

*The information you have requested is not held in a fashion that would allow us to easily provide it. It is not possible without reviewing each individual patient's case notes to provide the detail requested. We would need to identify these patients, retrieve and read through each health record to extract the relevant data. This would be burdensome on our limited resources and a time consuming exercise. We estimate this would take several hours and be out with the cost of compliance as this would exceed the £600 prescribed limit set in regulation 5 of the Freedom of Information (Fees for Required Disclosure)(Scotland) Regulations 2004. Therefore NHS Ayrshire & Arran is not obliged under section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to comply with your request.

In coming to this decision we have taken into account the guidance provided by the Scottish Information Commissioner (SIC) on applying section 12.

<https://www.foi.scot/sites/default/files/2022-03/FeesandExcessiveCostofComplianceBriefing.pdf>

Section C

(C1). Did you pay out under Right to Choose for Adult ADHD Assessments in the prior public sector year? If yes:

(C1-i) How many Adult ADHD Assessments were paid out under Right to Choose in the last public sector year (20024-25)

(C2-ii) What was the total value of Adult ADHD Assessments under Right to Choose in the last public sector year (20024-25).

(C2-iii) Please list the organisations you paid out for Adult ADHD Assessments under Right to Choose, alongside the total financial amount paid, and the quantity of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken for the last public sector year (April 1st 2024- 31st March 2025).

(C2). Did you pay out under Right to Choose for Child ADHD Assessments in the prior public sector year? If yes:

(C1-i) How many Child ADHD Assessments were paid out under Right to Choose in the last public sector year (20024-25)

(C2-ii) What was the total value of Child ADHD Assessments under Right to Choose in the last public sector year (20024-25).

(C2-iii) Please list the organisations you paid out for Child ADHD Assessments under Right to Choose, alongside the total financial amount paid, and the quantity of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken for the last public sector year (April 1st 2024- 31st March 2025).

Section C is not Applicable in Scotland. We therefore do not hold the information requested above. As we do not hold this information it is classed as an exclusion under section 17 (1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

I trust this response is helpful. However, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 if you are dissatisfied with our response you are entitled to request a review. A request for a review must be made in writing to Mrs Marie Lynch, Interim Head of Information Governance and Data Protection Officer, NHS Ayrshire & Arran, 14 Lister Street, University Hospital Crosshouse, Kilmarnock, KA2 0BB or email DataProtectionOfficer@aapct.scot.nhs.uk, no later than 40 working days from 24 May 2025. You must provide your full name, an address for correspondence, details of your original request and say why you would like a review.

If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner at <https://www.foi.scot/appeal>

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further advice or assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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