

1st April 2025

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - DECISION NOTICE

FOI Reference Number: 74820

Dear requester

I refer to your email of 5th March 2025 requesting information regarding ADHD diagnosis.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (CWICB) and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do hold some of the information that you have requested. Please see further details below:

Question	Response
Number of adult patients on the waiting list separated out by date added to waiting list	January 2025: 1,797 adults waiting For further information, I would recommend you contact Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust at the following link: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk
Number of children patients on the waiting list separated out by date added to waiting list	January 2025: 7,102 children and young people waiting For further information, I would recommend you contact Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust at the following link: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk
Number of assessments completed per (calendar) year since 2018 separated out by adult and children.	This information is not held by Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board. I would recommend you contact Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust for the information you require at the following link: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Accountable Officer - Phillip Johns
Chair - Danielle Oum

How long has the longest child been on the waiting list?	Over 6 years For further information, I would recommend you contact Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust at the following link: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk
How long has the longest adult been on the waiting list?	Over 4 years For further information, I would recommend you contact Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust at the following link: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk
Average wait time for adults	This information is not held by Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board. I would recommend you contact Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust for the information you require at the following link: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk
Average wait time children	This information is not held by Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board. I would recommend you contact Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust for the information you require at the following link: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk
Number of referrals received separated out by referrer (e.G) GPs, schools, or other professionals) for ADHD assessments, separated by year since 2018 for adults	This information is not held by Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board. I would recommend you contact Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust for the information you require at the following link: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk
Number of referrals received separated out by referrer (e.G) GPs, schools, or other professionals) for ADHD assessments, separated by year since 2018 for children	This information is not held by Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board. I would recommend you contact Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust for the information you require at the following link: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk
An intervention that have been planned to try and reduce the wating list? [sic]	Additional one-off payments to buy extra staffing resource, prioritisation of the waiting list.
Are there specific criteria or policies in place to prioritize certain cases (e.g., based on age, severity of symptoms, or impact on education/work)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Child Protection Proceedings (NOT Child in Need status) • Children who are Looked After • Active involvement with Horizon or safeguarding services due to concerns regarding child sexual exploitation (CSE) • Active involvement with Youth Offending Services • Young people who are over 16 years old will be automatically prioritised.

Accountable Officer - Phillip Johns
Chair - Danielle Oum

Current number of clinicians assigned to ADHD assessments and any changes in staffing levels since 2018.	This information is not held by Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board. I would recommend you contact Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust for the information you require at the following link: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk
Annual budget allocated for ADHD services since 2018 and any planned increases to address waiting times.	Approximately £1.5m in 2024-2025 - no earlier information is available
Are there any partnerships with private providers to reduce waiting lists, and how many patients have been referred through such pathways?	We pay private providers (if eligible) to conduct Right to Choose assessments for Coventry & Warwickshire patients. We know total amount of spend on these providers but not number of assessments as this information is not shared by the providers.
Number of missed or canceled ADHD assessment appointments and their impact on waiting times.	This information is not held by Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board. I would recommend you contact Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust for the information you require at the following link: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk
How do waiting times in Coventry and Warwickshire compare to other regions in the UK?	The whole of the UK is experiencing unprecedented demand on ADHD assessment services and Coventry and Warwickshire are no different. There is also huge variability in the quality of data shared on this topic, meaning that some areas look like they have shorter waiting lists when in fact they do not
Are there any mechanisms for patients or families to provide feedback on the ADHD assessment process, and how is this feedback used to improve services?	This information is not held by Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board. I would recommend you contact Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust for the information you require at the following link: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk
Any previous interventions that have been tried in previous years to reduce waiting list time? [sic]	No, apart from one-off small amounts of additional funding to buy additional staff
Policies around which patient is seen next in relation to the waiting list [sic]	This information is not held by Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board. I would recommend you contact Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust for the information you require at the following link: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk

I hope this answers your queries with the information we currently hold, but if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Accountable Officer - Phillip Johns
Chair - Danielle Oum

Under the terms of the Open Government Licence, you may use and re-use the information provided within this response (not including logos or photographs), free of charge in any format or medium; unless identified as another party's copyright.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to

Arden & GEM Commissioning Support Unit
FOI Team/Corporate Communications
County Hall
Leicester Road
Glenfield
Leicester
LE3 8RA
Email: agem.cwicb.foi@nhs.net

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the ICB.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: telephone 0303 123 1113, email icocasework@ico.org.uk and <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

Yours faithfully
Lindsay Parker
Senior Freedom of Information Officer

Arden & GEM Commissioning Support Unit
On behalf of NHS Coventry and Warwickshire ICB

Accountable Officer - Phillip Johns
Chair - Danielle Oum