

**Our Ref:** FOI 25-226

23 May 2025

**Request and Response**

Thank you for your interest in Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). As you are probably aware, this legislation provides public access to recorded information held by a public authority unless an appropriate exemption applies.

Please find below the Trust's response to your request that we received on 28 April 2025.

*Section A*

*(A1) Does your organisation commission Adult ADHD Assessments? If yes, please list:*

No.

*(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).*

Not applicable.

*(A2) Does your organisation commission Child ADHD Assessments? If yes, please list:*

No.

*(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).*

Not applicable

*(A3) Does your organisation undertake Adult ADHD Assessments? If yes, please list:*

Yes.

*(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).*

The Trust is contracted by Cheshire and Mersey Integrated Care Board (ICB), however there is no specific contract value for this service, it is part of a wider block contract for all of our services.

*(A4) Does your organisation undertake Child ADHD Assessments? If yes, please list:*

No

*(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).*

Not applicable.

## 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*

641 first attendances for ages 19 and over.

Please note that assessments are not captured electronically for reporting and, therefore, first attendance in the time period have been provided instead for the 'Psychology Non-Mental Health - ADHD' service.

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

4,435

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

4,455

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

856 first attendances aged 18 and under.

Please note that Mersey Care works as part of a multi-agency model for CYP and only hold contact data for children seen by Mersey Care professionals. Referrals include ASC as well as ADHD. For more information about this service

please visit our website at [www.merseycare.nhs.uk/our-services/st-helens/neurodevelopment-pathway-team](http://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/our-services/st-helens/neurodevelopment-pathway-team).

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

90

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

88

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

459

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

2,634

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

790

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

79

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

1,066

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

1,025

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

721

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

38

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

526



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

978

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

630

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

61

### Section C

*If it does not take us over the FOI cost threshold, then please can we ask this additional set of questions*

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

No.

(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).*

Questions C1-i to C1-iii are not applicable.

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

No.

(C2-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).*

Question C2-i to C2-iii are not applicable.

### **About the Trust**

Mersey Care is one of the largest trusts providing physical health and mental health services in the North West and beyond, serving a population around 1.4 million across our region (Halton, Warrington, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton and St Helens) and is also commissioned for services that cover the North West, North Wales and the Midlands. It offers specialist in-patient and community services that support physical and mental health and specialist in-patient mental health, learning disability, addiction and brain injury services. It is one of only three trusts in the UK that offer high secure mental health facilities. Further information is available at [www.merseycare.nhs.uk](http://www.merseycare.nhs.uk).

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Any requests to become a new/potential supplier should be directed to our Procurement Team ([procurement@merseycare.nhs.uk](mailto:procurement@merseycare.nhs.uk)), as per guidance on our website at [www.merseycare.nhs.uk/about-us/procurement](http://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/about-us/procurement).

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We hope this provides the information required. However, if it is felt that the way the request was handled or the content of the response is unsatisfactory and should be reviewed, please write to the Information Governance Team at [FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk) requesting an internal review and stating the reference number at the top of this document.

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