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To whom it may concern

Freedom Of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information as detailed below, together with our reply.

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 (1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025) and the current public sector financial year (1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026).

Answer: Adult ADHD services have been commissioned since 2020 to complete 80 new patient assessments per year - £514k per year.

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 (1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025) and the current public sector financial year (1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026).

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Margaret Schwarz, Chair. Debbie Richards, Chief Executive.

Answer: Yes, 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025 (Healios). 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 none. Please note the team is commissioned to undertake neurodevelopmental assessments, not a contract specifically for ADHD assessments.

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 (1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025) and the current public sector financial year (1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026).

Answer: Yes, the contract is through the Integrated Care Board. Spend – please see answer to A1.

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).

Answer: Yes, 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025 Healios. 1 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 none.

Section B

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

B1. The number of adult ADHD assessments undertaken in that period.

Answer: 76 assessments.

B2. The number of adults waiting for an ADHD assessment at the end of that period.

Answer: 2,481 people waiting assessment.

B3. The number of adults waiting for an ADHD assessment at the date of receipt of this FOI request.

Answer: 2,568 people waiting assessment.

B4. The number of child ADHD assessments undertaken in that period

Answer: The Trust are unable to provide this information as the Trust completes neurodevelopmental assessments which may or may not include ADHD and would require the checking of individual records. Collating this information would exceed

the 'appropriate limit' as defined in The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 SI 2004 No 3244. Under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this information is exempt as a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

B5. The number of children waiting for an ADHD assessment at the end of that period.

Answer: Please see answer to question B4.

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

Answer: Please see answer to question B4.

If it does not take us over the FOI cost threshold, then please can we ask similar questions for the prior public sector year. For the period covering 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

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

B8. The number of adults waiting for an ADHD assessment at the end of that period.

B9. The number of child ADHD assessments undertaken in that period.

B10. The number of children waiting for an ADHD assessment in that period.

Answer B7-B10: The Trust can confirm it does hold the information requested, however, under Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this information is exempt as a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit for this organisation is £450 calculated at a rate of £25 per hour to a maximum of 18 hours. The time to extract the information would exceed 18 hours and would, therefore, exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined in The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 SI 2004 No 3244. Information may be able to be obtained if the request was restricted to a smaller timescale.

If it does not take us over the FOI cost threshold, then please can we ask the same questions for the public sector, the year before the above. For the period covering 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

B11. The number of adult ADHD assessments undertaken in that period

B12. The number of adults waiting for an ADHD assessment at the end of that period.

B13. The number of child ADHD assessments undertaken in that period

B14. The number of children waiting for an ADHD assessment in that period.

Answer B11-B14: Please see answer to question B7-B10.

If it does not take us over the FOI cost threshold, then please can we ask the same questions for the public sector, the year before the above. For the period covering 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

B15. The number of adult ADHD assessments undertaken in that period

B16. The number of adults waiting for an ADHD assessment at the end of that period.

B17. The number of child ADHD assessments undertaken in that period

B18. The number of children waiting for an ADHD assessment in that period.

Answer B15-B18: Please see answer to question B7-B10.

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

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 (2024-25)

C2-ii. What was the total value of adult ADHD assessments under Right to Choose in the last public sector year (2024-25).

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 (1 April 2024 - 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 (2024-25)

C2-ii. What was the total value of child ADHD assessments under Right to Choose in the last public sector year (2024-25).

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 (1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025).

Answer Section C: Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust does not hold this information as these services are commissioned by Integrated Commissioning Board, you may wish to contact them to determine if they are able provide you with the required information.

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If you have any further queries, please contact me.

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If you would like to request a review, write to: Head of Information Governance, Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 6, Carew House, Beacon Technology Park, Dunmere Road, Bodmin, PL31 2QN.

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independent regulator who has the power to direct the Trust to respond to your request differently, if it is considered that your request was managed incorrectly. Write to: Information Commissioners, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Bird', with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

Matthew Bird
Deputy Director Governance, Safety and Risk