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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – DECISION NOTICE

Dear Requester

FOI Reference Number: 72733

I refer to your email of 20 March 2024 requesting information in relation to Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) assessments.

I can confirm on behalf of NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) 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:

I am seeking information and answers to the following, via your FOI enquiries system;

- 1. How many referrals for adhd assessments for children were received in the last 12 month period for which figures are available?**

This information is not held by the ICB. I would recommend you contact [United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust](#) directly for the information you require.

- 2. How many referrals for adhd assessments for adults were received in the same 12 month period for which figures are available?**

Approximately 4150 referrals received in 2023.

Figures are for all ADHD referrals received, this includes referrals for assessment, on-going review, and medication oversight.

- 3. Where referral requires supporting evidence, what evidence is required and from whom? Including GP, patient and other. What age criteria affect the information gathering process and how is evidence requested for children, adults, vulnerable adults etc.?**

This is on a patient-by-patient basis / individualised by the needs and information shared in the initial referral.

4. What proportion of referrals (separate figures for children and adults) were identified by GPs as a right to choose referral. Are figures recorded by gender as well as age? If so can they be provided by gender and age.

Right to Choose referrals are not recorded separately to standard pathway referrals.

5. What proportion of the referrals submitted to single point of access by the completing professional (in accordance with procedure) were subsequently declined?

In 2023 approximately 900 referrals were declined.

6. Of those that were not declined, what proportion were subsequently referred via NHS services and what proportion were offered right to choose?

This information is not held by the ICB.

7. Is the 'single point of access' decision made by a named individual (a clinician for example), a committee or team (if so, what is the make up of this) or by administrative process against a fixed criteria (if so, by whom and using what criteria)?

The single point of access includes an administration process to ensure that the referral form has been completed and the appropriate supporting documents included. Once confirmed that the referral is complete the process is then completed by a consultant psychiatrist.

8. Is there a procedure to appeal or question this decision?

Yes, appeals or additional information can be submitted to licb.mhldateam@nhs.net for re-consideration.

I hope that 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.

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 Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit
FOI TEAM/Corporate Communications Team
1st Floor, St John's House
East Street
Leicester
LE1 6NB

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 the ICB.

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Yours faithfully

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***On behalf of
NHS Lincolnshire ICB***