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Dear Mr Shelford

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - ADHD

I write in response to your request for information in relation to ADHD.

Question:

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).

Answer:

No

Question:

(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).

Answer:

No

Question:

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

Answer:

Yes. Incorporated into general psychiatry outpatient.

Question:

(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).

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Answer:

Not applicable

Question:

(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:

Not applicable.

Question:

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

Answer:

290*

*Please note, as above, these figures are only for East Lothian and Midlothian

Question:

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

Answer:

1,727*

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Question:

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

Answer:

1,765*

*Please note, as above, these figures are only for East Lothian and Midlothian

The figure given is for the 13th May 2025

Question:

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

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

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

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 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

Answer:
See note below

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

Answer:
156*
*Please note, as above, these figures are only for East Lothian and Midlothian

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

Answer:
1,173*
*Please note, as above these figures are only for East Lothian and Midlothian

Question:
(B9). The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period
(B10). The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment in that period.

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 1st April 2022 to 31st 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.

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 1st April 2021 to 31st 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:

Notes on the data:

- 1. ADHD Assessments for Children are allocated to a “Neurodevelopment Assessment List”. We are therefore unable to give figures specifically for Child ADHD assessments**
- 2. ADHD Assessments for Adults in Edinburgh City, & west Lothian are allocated to a “Neurodevelopment Assessment List”. We are therefore unable to give figures specifically for Adult ADHD assessments for these areas.**

Under the Freedom of Information Act NHS Lothian is not required to create new records to enable it to respond to your enquiry. This information is not collated or held in aggregate form and it would be necessary to review all case files relating to patients over the period you have requested to assemble the information you seek. Even if NHS Lothian did this – and there would be significant cost implications in doing so – it would be unable to respond in full to your request. The information requested is therefore exempt under section 12.1 – Cost.

- 3. Specific ADHD waiting List figures in East & Midlothian are only available from 2024 when new reporting procedures were developed in these areas.**

Question:

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:

(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 (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 (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 (April 1st 2024- 31st March 2025).

Answer:

Not applicable.

I hope the information provided helps with your request. I am sorry I cannot help with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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