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Dear Mr Shelford

Further to your enquiry of 28 April 2025 under the Freedom of Information Act, please find our response below. In your request you asked for the following information:

### **Section A**

#### **(A1) Does your organisation commission Adult ADHD Assessments?**

No.

**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).**

Not applicable.

#### **(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).**

The Purple House Clinic was commissioned in October 2023 to support a number of Neurodevelopmental Service for Children and Young People activities, including ADHD assessments. This contract continues until around September 2025. The cost of ADHD assessments is absorbed within the overall contract value and not specified separately. Accordingly, I must advise that in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 the information sought on spend is not held.

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

#### **(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).**

Yes for both. NHS Lanarkshire's Adult Mental Health Service and Neurodevelopmental Service for Children and Young People undertake ADHD assessments within their services but do not provide assessments for other organisations. Accordingly, no organisations have contracted us to provide this service and there is no associated contract value.

## **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**

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

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

**(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.**

**(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.**

**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.**

Adult mental health

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25*
ADHD assessments	*	*	*	0**
Waiting for an ADHD assessment at the end of the period	*	*	*	2,189

\*ADHD assessments were not centrally recorded before August 2024. To find information before this date would require a manual check of patient records. This information gathering would exceed the charging threshold prescribed in the Regulations made by the Scottish Ministers which constitutes a ground of exemption in terms of Section 12(1) of the Act.

\*\*There were no assessments in this period due to a pause in adult ADHD assessments from August 2024 due to capacity demands on psychiatric colleagues, recruitment challenges (a national issue) and a decision to prioritise referrals where cases are the most acute and there is clinical risk. To address adult neurodiversity needs, work is ongoing to develop an adult pathway for the Neurodevelopmental Service.

I can advise that the number of adults waiting for an ADHD assessment at the date of receipt of this FOI request was 2,258.

Neurodevelopmental Service for Children and Young People

I regret to advise that I am unable to provide you with details of ADHD assessments within this service. These are not centrally recorded. To find this information for all or any of the years requested would require a manual check of patient records. This information gathering would exceed the charging threshold prescribed in the Regulations made by the Scottish Ministers which constitutes a ground of exemption in terms of Section 12(1) of Act.

**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).**

There is no “Right to Choose” programme in Scotland of the type that operates in England. Accordingly, these questions are not applicable.

I hope this is to your satisfaction. If you have any further queries on this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are not satisfied with this response to your original request, we can advise you that you do have a right to a review under section 20 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act. For this review you should write to Donald Wilson, Director of Digital Services, NHS Lanarkshire, Kirklands, Fallside Road, Bothwell G71 8BB or by email to [Donald.Wilson@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Donald.Wilson@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk) within 40 working days of 29 May 2025.

If, following the outcome of a request for review, you are still dissatisfied I can advise you that you have the right to make application for a decision by the Scottish Information Commissioner under Section 47(1) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. An appeal can be made to the Commissioner online at [www.foi.scot/Appeal](http://www.foi.scot/Appeal), by post to Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9DS, by telephone on 01334 464610 and by e-mail at [enquiries@foi.scot](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot).

Yours sincerely

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