

**Freedom of Information (FOI)**

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Dear Henry Shelford,

**RE: Freedom of Information Request 202526/077 –ADHD assessment**

Your Query and NHSO Response	Date of Request	April 2025
<p>This is a freedom of information request. Thank you for your time and consideration of this.</p> <p><b>Section A</b></p> <p>(A1) Does your organisation commission Adult ADHD Assessments? <b>Yes.</b> 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). <b>Autism Connect - 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025 = £112,00.00 for ADHD.</b></p> <p><b>NHS Orkney do not hold the cost for 2025/26 as this is not a set contract amount and the value changes depending on number of assessments undertaken.</b></p> <p>(A2) Does your organisation commission Child ADHD Assessments? <b>No.</b> 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).</p> <p>(A3) Does your organisation undertake Adult ADHD Assessments? <b>No, NHS Orkney does not undertake Adult ADHD assessment for other organisations</b> 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).</p> <p>(A4) Does your organisation undertake Child ADHD Assessments? <b>No, NHS Orkney does not undertake child ADHD assessment for other organisations</b> 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).</p> <p><b>Section B</b></p> <p>Please could you provide the information for the last public sector year (the period covering 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025).</p> <p>(B1). The number of Adult ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period <b>69</b> (B2). The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period. <b>42</b></p>		

(B3). The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the date of receipt of this FOI request (28/04/25). **48** (23 had returned screening documents to enable appointment to be arranged and 25 had not responded).

(B4). The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period [Please see below](#).

(B5). The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period. [Please see below](#).

(B6). The number of Children waiting for an ADHD Assessment as of the date of receipt of this FOI request (28/04/25).

[NHS Orkney does not hold the number of children referred, waiting or given a diagnosis of ADHD. Assessments are undertaken by a paediatrics service at another health board or Educational Psychology through the local authority. Therefore I must advise that in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information \(Scotland\) Act 2002, the information sought is not held.](#)

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 **70**

(B8). The number of Adults waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of that period. **66**

(B9). The number of Child ADHD Assessments undertaken in that period [Please see below](#).

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

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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.

[NHS Orkney did not have an ADHD service prior to 2023; therefore we cannot provide any information prior to 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.

[NHS Orkney did not have an ADHD service prior to 2023; therefore we cannot provide any information prior to 2023.](#)

(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.

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? [Not applicable in NHS Scotland](#)

If yes:

(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).

(C2). Did you pay out under Right to Choose for Child ADHD Assessments in the prior public sector

year? [Not applicable in NHS Scotland](#)

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).

I hope this helps with your request.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer  
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