

Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

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Request context: ADHD UK FOI on ADHD assessments within Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. NHS Black Country ICB advised (FOI ref 1883) that, other than Right to Choose activity, ADHD assessment services are managed and commissioned by the Trust as lead provider.

Adult ADHD Assessments

1. How many adults do you have waiting for an ADHD diagnosis at the moment? **8597**
2. How many adults were given an ADHD Assessment in the last year (1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026)? **422 offered, 401 attended**
3. If an adult was referred to you now when would you expect them to be seen? **2030**
4. Please describe your current Adult ADHD Assessment pathway. **Under review due to above figures.**

Child ADHD Assessments

5. How many children do you have waiting for an ADHD diagnosis at the moment? **961** - This figure also represents the number of individuals waiting for assessment, as the Trust does not differentiate between those awaiting an initial assessment and those awaiting a diagnostic appointment.
6. How many children were given an ADHD Assessment in the last year (1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026)? **222**
7. If a child was referred to you now when would you expect them to be seen? **70 weeks is the current mean average wait for patients on the waiting list.**
8. Please describe your current Child ADHD Assessment pathway. **Across the Black Country, the ADHD pathway differs between localities due to historic CCG commissioning arrangements. The Trust operates across four localities, each with its own commissioned model. Within Specialist CAMHS, we are commissioned only to accept referrals where there is a co-morbid mental health disorder that meets the threshold for Specialist CAMHS intervention. During the COVID period, some locality CAMHS teams deviated from this commissioning requirement. As a result, the Trust has sought approval from the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) to return to operating fully in line with the service specification. In three of our localities, paediatrics is also commissioned to undertake ADHD assessments; in one locality, this is not the case. Two localities continued to operate within the service specification throughout, while the remaining two are currently in the process of returning to specification-aligned practice. For children and young people who no longer meet the threshold for Specialist CAMHS, and where paediatric services are not commissioned to assess, the Right to Choose (RtC) pathways will be utilised.**

The Trust considers this response a full and complete discharge of its responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Issued by the Information Governance Team, bchft.foi1@nhs.net.