

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST RESPONSE

Ref: FOI 2026- 5128

Date: 6 July 2026

Thank you for your interest in our Trust. Please find below our response to your request.

REQUEST:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information regarding ADHD assessments within Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust. NHS Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB advised us (FOI ref FOI-964-LSC) that information on children's ADHD assessment services is held by your Trust.

Adult ADHD Assessments:

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

[We do not provide services for Adult ADHD.](#)

Child ADHD Assessments:

5. How many children do you have waiting for an ADHD diagnosis at the moment? –
[As at 22 June 2026, we have 4,538 children and young people on the pathway for an ADHD diagnosis.](#)
6. How many children were given an ADHD Assessment in the last year (1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026).
[816 individual children and young people received an ADHD assessment](#)
7. If a child was referred to you now, when would you expect them to be seen?
[At this time, we are unable to provide a definite time frame for when a young person would receive their assessment and diagnosis.](#)
8. Please describe your current Child ADHD Assessment pathway

[The Trust is commissioned to provide ADHD services as part of the Children and Young People's Mental Health offer where the presentation is severe and complex and has co-morbidities with other mental health diagnoses.](#)

In LSCFT, the Trust has clinical pathways in place which define:

- Referral criteria
- Referral routes
- Assessment processes
- Treatment pathways

These are managed through multi-disciplinary teams who work within localities – Central and West Lancashire, Fylde and Wyre, East Lancashire and The Bay including Lancaster, Morecambe and South Cumbria.

The Trust provides services through locally commissioned care pathways which are agreed with the Integrated Care Board. These pathways set out the referral routes, assessment processes, treatment arrangements and clinical responsibilities that the Trust is commissioned to provide.

When an individual is referred through the locally commissioned pathways for any provider, assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning and any subsequent care are managed within the service commissioned for that purpose.

Where an assessment is completed by an alternative NHS provider, through the Right to Choose pathway, the assessment, and associated recommendations, are undertaken outside the locally commissioned Trust pathway and usually sit with that provider for the full pathway of assessment and treatment. That provider can ask for a transfer of care to the local NHS Trust, but the local Trust does not have to agree.

The distinction between these pathways is therefore based on the route through which services are commissioned and delivered, rather than on whether the assessment itself is NHS-funded.

Yours Sincerely,

Lancashire & South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust

*If you are unhappy with the way the Trust has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review by contacting the FOI Lead at Freedom.Of.Information.Requests@lscft.nhs.uk If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: **Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.***