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ADHD UK ADHD UK <research@adhduk.co.uk>

Dear Henry Shelford

Re: FOI request FOI202526/180

Further to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please find a response to your questions below.

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information regarding ADHD assessments within Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust. NHS Cheshire and Merseyside ICB advised us (FOI ref FOI/02002/CMICB) that information on children's ADHD assessment services is held by your Trust.

Child ADHD Assessments

Q1 How many children do you have waiting for an ADHD diagnosis at the moment?

A1 5300 children

Q2 How many children were given an ADHD Assessment in the last year (1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026)

A2 From June 2025 to May 2026, 2478 children had an ADHD assessment

Q3 If a child was referred to you now, when would you expect them to be seen?

A3 Current average waiting time is 116 weeks

Q4 Please describe your current Child ADHD Assessment pathway

A4 Child or Young Person is referred to Pathway, Referral is triaged, Referral accepted, ND History form sent to families, identified assessments completed. ADHD conclusion, Unable to conclude, diagnostic panel review, feedback to family.

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Yours sincerely

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