

Our Ref: FOI 26-255

9 July 2026

Request and Response

Thank you for your interest in Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). As you are probably aware, this legislation provides public access to recorded information held by a public authority unless an appropriate exemption applies.

Please find below the Trust's response to your request that we received on 6 June 2026.

Adult ADHD Assessments

1. *How many adults do you have waiting for an ADHD diagnosis at the moment?*

There are 6121 adults waiting for a first appointment within the Mersey care ADHD diagnostic teams.

2. *How many adults were given an ADHD Assessment in the last year (1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026).*

727 referrals were seen for a first appointment under the ADHD service. This includes the diagnostic, post diagnostic and transition teams.

3. *If an adult was referred to you now when would you expect them to be seen?*

Waiting times would be dependent on clinical need, the ADHD service uses expedite criteria that focuses on prioritising the most urgent patients.

There are also differing waiting times dependent on whether a diagnosis has been established or a diagnostic assessment is required

4. *Please describe your current Adult ADHD Assessment pathway.*

Information on our Adult ADHD assessment pathway is publicly available on the Trust's website at <https://www.merseycare.nhs.uk/our-services/knowsley/adult-adhd-service>

Child ADHD Assessments

5. *How many children do you have waiting for an ADHD diagnosis at the moment?*

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

7. *If a child was referred to you now when would you expect them to be seen?*
8. *Please describe your current Child ADHD Assessment pathway.*

The Trust does not provide CYP ADHD services, therefore, questions 5 to 8 are not applicable as this information is not held

About the Trust

Mersey Care is one of the largest trusts providing physical health and mental health services in the North West and beyond, serving a population around 1.4 million across our region (Halton, Warrington, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton and St Helens) and is also commissioned for services that cover the North West, North Wales and the Midlands. It offers specialist in-patient and community services that support physical and mental health and specialist in-patient mental health, learning disability, addiction and brain injury services. It is one of only three trusts in the UK that offer high secure mental health facilities. Further information is available at www.merseycare.nhs.uk.

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Any requests to become a new/potential supplier should be directed to our Procurement Team (procurement@merseycare.nhs.uk), as per guidance on our website at www.merseycare.nhs.uk/about-us/procurement.

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* <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>

FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk requesting an internal review and stating the reference number at the top of this document.

A request for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days of the day this response was sent. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the discretion of the Data Protection Officer.

If it is then felt that the outcome of the internal review is unsatisfactory, a complaint can be made directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision, but it should be noted that the ICO will not make a decision unless the Trust's internal review process has been followed first. The primary way of contacting the ICO is via www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints, whilst alternative contact details for them are available at www.ico.org.uk/global/contact-us.