

**Freedom of
Information
Information Governance
Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital
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02nd September 26

FOI Request Ref: 26-118494

Dear Mr Shelford,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. You have specifically asked for the following information.

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information regarding ADHD assessments within East Lancashire Hospitals NHS 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.

Our Trust do not run adult mental health services.

Please redirect this part of your request to Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust.

<https://www.lscft.nhs.uk/about-us/publications-reports-policies/freedom-information>

Child ADHD Assessments

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

We currently have 505 children awaiting ADHD diagnosis. The pathway involves questionnaires, assessment and in some cases school observations, in addition to clinic appointments with our team of consultants.

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

1,343 children were assessed face to face by a consultant in the last financial year.

7. If a child was referred to you now when would you expect them to be seen?

The first stage of the ADHD pathway is a QB assessment where current waiting times are approximately 4 months. Once this is complete and subsequent assessments are returned from parents and school, children

are reviewed by a consultant. This typically happens within 6 months from assessments/questionnaires being returned.

8. Please describe your current Child ADHD Assessment pathway.

The ADHD pathway is dependent on the specific needs of the child and whether they have been referred for any other assessments. Generally, new patients are accepted via a multi-disciplinary triage. Following a QB assessment and receipt of a Conners questionnaire from school and parents, an appointment is made with a community neuro disability paediatric consultant to take parental ADHD history, review test results and assess whether the child meets the criteria for ADHD diagnosis.

I hope the information provided above is to your satisfaction. If you are unhappy with the way, the Trust has handled your request you may request an internal review. If you require an internal review, please write to Trust Data Protection Officer/Head of Information Governance, Corporate Offices Building, Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital, Haslingden Road, Blackburn, BB2 3HH.

Email: foi@elht.nhs.uk Requests for a review must be received within 40 working days following the initial response.

If you are not happy with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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