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Dear Recipient

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: 2161

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

Your request for information has now been considered. The Trust's response is provided on the following page below (or attached in the email if relevant).

Please also note the further information on the final page.

Yours sincerely
Data Protection Office

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	What type of exemption applies?	Exemption	Exemption Details
How many children do you have waiting for an ADHD diagnosis at the moment?	Section 12 exemption as to access data would require individual notes audit of 1551 case notes. This would be over the time limits on FOI retrieval. It is not possible to specifically identify how many children are waiting specifically for ADHD Diagnosis. Overall, there are currently 1,551 children waiting for a first appointment in either Community Paediatrics or Paediatric Neuro-Disability, but not all of these children will require an ADHD assessment or diagnosis. In some	Yes	Absolute	Section 12 - (Over Fee Limit - Manual Audit)	I can confirm that the Trust holds information that falls within the description specified in your request. However, the information is not held in an easily retrievable format and would require the retrieval and manual audit/review of individual records in order to extract the information requested. We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit is set by the Secretary of State in SI 2004 No 3244 - The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 has a limit of £450 for Public Authorities. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending over 18 hours (at rate of £25 per hour) in determining whether the Trust holds the information, and in locating, retrieving and extracting information.

	cases children may require both ADHD and Autism assessment.				
How many children were given an ADHD Assessment in the last year (1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026).	309 individual patients had outpatient first appointment contacts that involved assessment or diagnosis of ADHD. Please note that some children who are assessed for ADHD have an outcome of confirmed not ADHD. This number doesn't include follow-up patients who were referred into the service for other reasons and later required ADHD assessment.				
If a child was referred to you now	The median wait in weeks for a first				

when would you expect them to be seen?	appointment in Community Paediatrics or Paediatric Neuro-disability is currently 24 weeks.				
Please describe your current Child ADHD Assessment pathway.	See attachment				

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