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Our Ref: FOI/04347

Thank you for your request concerning ADHD Assessments For Women.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

- How many women have requested a referral for an ADHD assessment in the previous three years 2019, 2020, 2021 in East Herts?**

Calendar Year	Number of ADHD Referrals for Women
2019	Unknown
2020	7
2021	71

We are unable to provide the number of ADHD referrals prior to 2020 because “ADHD Diagnostic Referral” was not a reportable category in 2019.

- How many of these women secured an ADHD assessment with East Herts adult services in the previous three years 2019, 2020, 2021?**

Calendar Year	Number of ADHD Assessments on Women
2019	Unknown
2020	7
2021	59

- A written copy of the criteria used to decide who is progressed for assessment.**

Within Hertfordshire, there is no shared care protocol for ADHD assessment or specifically commissioned service, therefore, there is not a process or criteria implemented regarding which referrals are progressed for assessment – these are treated in the same way as all referrals

- How long did it take for those women whose referral was accepted to get a diagnosis?**
- How many of the women referred had pre-existing mental health or neuro developmental conditions and what were these conditions.**

We are unable to provide the time span from assessment to diagnosis or if there was a pre-existing mental health or neuro developmental condition within the appropriate limit¹. This is because this information is not held in a reportable manner.

¹ Section 12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

To provide you with the answers to the above two questions would involve manually going through the service users record to work out how long it took to receive a diagnosis after assessment and to scrutinise the record to see if there was a pre pre-existing mental health or neuro developmental conditions and what were these conditions were. It is estimated that it would take 30 minutes (15 minutes per record per question) to provide this information i.e. 33 hours @ £25 = £825.00

In addition we do not believe reading through individuals medical records for the purpose of a FOI request would be in line with the GDPR Data Protection Principles or the Caldicott Principles.

Should you require further clarification or like to discuss payment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

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Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).

