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Thank you for your request concerning CYP and adult ADHD.

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

Please provide the following information to the email address specified below.

1. Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) CYP (children and young people) ADHD assessment / diagnoses in your Trust area

HPFT for South and West Hertfordshire (HCT deliver ADHD assessment/diagnoses for East and North Hertfordshire)

a. When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end

Main contract: Start: 1st April 2019, End 31st March 2024.

ADHD Backlog Contract with ICB: 7th January 2023-6th January 2024 (1 year)

b. What is the annual spend for this service for 2022, and for the last 5 years?

This is part of a Block contract and the annual spend for CYP ADHD assessment/diagnosis cannot be identified separately.

c. How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?

Block

d. If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?

HPFT are commissioned for the Hertfordshire service via IHCCT on behalf of the Herts & West Essex ICS for the main contract.

The backlog contract is commissioned directly via ICB.

e. At what prevalence (% of the child population) have the contracts been commissioned against?

We do not hold this information¹, please contact IHCCT.

¹ Section 1(1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.

2. Does the same organisation as for Question 1 also deliver CYP ADHD prescriptions and post-diagnosis ADHD support in your Trust area? If not, please provide the same information for this organisation.

Yes

3. Please outline the CYP ADHD pathway in your area, including key referral sources

HPFT is midway through implementing a new service provision for addressing the ADHD backlog in South and West Hertfordshire. We are currently out to advert for personnel to support this and therefore cannot currently give an accurate reflection on how this will look.

4. How many children and young people are currently waiting for a CYP ADHD assessment in your area?

HPFT is midway through implementing a new service provision for addressing the ADHD backlog in South and West Hertfordshire. We are currently out to advert for personnel to support this initiative.

	Number of Referrals
Number of CYP referrals currently waiting for assessment	1448

What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?

	Days
CYP Median waiting time from referral	349
CYP Max waiting time from referral	1437

- a. Within the last year, how many children and young people were assessed within 12 weeks of referral?

Please answer Questions 4, 4a, 4b for as many historic years as possible, up to 5 years.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of CYP referrals assessed within 12 weeks of referral	53	24	40	14	10

- b. Within the last year, how many children and young people were discharged without assessment?

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of CYP referrals discharged before assessment	13	14	6	3	1

5. For the last 5 years, please give the number of CYP patients per year in the Trust who were:

- a. Referred for ADHD assessment

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of CYP referrals received	125	118	193	374	721

b. Given an ADHD assessment

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of CYP referrals given assessment	104	100	81	49	60

c. Given an ADHD assessment from a 'Right to Choose' provider, outside the service contracted

We do not hold this information¹. Please contact the Integrated Health and Care Commissioning Team (IHCCT) who work on behalf of the Herts & West Essex Integrated Care Service (ICS) commission services for ADHD assessment.

d. Diagnosed with ADHD

This is not held in a reportable manner². In order to provide this data would involve manually scrutinising every assessment to see if it lead to a diagnosis and this would invoke Section 12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

6. For the last 5 years, what was the average number of ADHD-qualified staff delivering services in the area? How does this split by role:

- a. Qualified psychiatrists**
- b. Paediatricians**
- c. Speech and Language therapists**
- d. Clinical Psychologists**
- e. For a-d, please also give numbers of trainees**

We are unable to provide the number of ADHD qualified staff as this service is provided by staff within various teams as part of their wider roles/responsibilities and not identified separately.

Please provide equivalent answers for Questions 1-6, but for Adult ADHD services in the Trust. If the Trust does not distinguish between CYP and Adult ADHD services, please answer Questions 1-6 for all patients collectively

7. Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) Adult ADHD assessment / diagnoses in your Trust area

This information is already in the public domain³. Please follow this [link](#) to a previously published response (FOI 4403)

a. When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end

1st April 2019 until 31st March 2024

b. What is the annual spend for this service for 2022, and for the last 5 years?

This is part of a Block contract and the annual spend for Adult ADHD assessment/diagnosis cannot be identified separately.

c. How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?

Block

² Section 12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

³ Section 21 – Information is available by other means

- d. **If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?**

HPFT are commissioned for the Hertfordshire service via the Integrated Health and Care Commissioning Team (IHCCT) on behalf of the Herts & West Essex Integrated Care Service (ICS).

- e. **At what prevalence (% of the Adult population) have the contracts been commissioned against?**

We do not hold this information¹, please contact IHCCT.

8. **Does the same organisation as for Question 7 also deliver Adult ADHD prescriptions and post-diagnosis ADHD support in your Trust area? If not, please provide the same information for this organisation.**

Yes

9. **Please outline the Adult ADHD pathway in your area, including key referral sources**

Please follow the link provided under question 7.

10. **How many Adults are currently waiting for a Adult ADHD assessment in your area?**

	Number of Referrals
Number of Adult referrals currently waiting for assessment	311

What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?

	Number of Days
Adult median waiting time from referral	45
Adult max waiting time from referral *	485

* This may not be an accurate reflection of the maximum wait time due to data quality issues linked to our Electronic Patient Record.

Under the FOIA the right of access is to the information which is held, not information which is accurate.

- a. **Within the last year, how many Adults were assessed within 12 weeks of referral?**

Please answer Questions for as many historic years as possible, up to 5 years.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of Adult referrals assessed within 12 weeks of referral	0	120	249	488	731

- b. **Within the last year, how many Adults were discharged without assessment?**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of Adult referrals discharged before assessment	1	136	224	882	1579

11. For the last 5 years, please give the number of Adult patients per year in the Trust who were:

a. Referred for ADHD assessment

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of referrals received	1	265	485	1459	2596

b. Given an ADHD assessment

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Number of referrals given assessment	0	120	249	494	912

c. Given an ADHD assessment from a 'Right to Choose' provider, outside the service contracted

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12. For the last 5 years, what was the average number of ADHD-qualified staff delivering services in the area? How does this split by role:

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Should you require further clarification, 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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Information Rights Officer

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](#).

