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Thank you for your request concerning our Adult and Child ADHD services.

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

QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON ADULT ADHD SERVICES

1. **For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:**
 - a. **For each of those years how many adult assessments for ADHD were done?**
 - i. **If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.**
 - b. **For each of those years what was the average waiting time (in weeks) for adults who had an assessment for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).**
 - i. **If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.**
 - c. **For each of those years how many adult ADHD referrals were rejected prior to the individual receiving an assessment?**
 - i. **If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.**
 - d. **For each of those years how many adults were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.**
 - i. **If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.**

Please see attached spreadsheet; data from Adult 28 Day KPI with a referral reason of 'ADHD - DIAGNOSTIC REFERRAL' or 'NEURODEVELOP CONDIT NOT AUTISM'

Due to the small numbers of some genders we have applied Exemption Section 40(2). This is because entries of 5 or less are considered sufficiently small enough to be potentially identifiable data. On this basis, this information is exempt from the duty to publish.

QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON CHILD ADHD SERVICES

2. For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:
 - a. For each of those years how many child assessments for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) were done?
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
 - b. For each of those years what was the average waiting time (in weeks) for children who had an assessment for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
 - c. For each of those years how many child ADHD referrals were rejected prior to assessment?
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.
 - d. For each of those years how many children were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.
 - i. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

Please see attached spreadsheet; data from the CAMHS ADHD 28 Day KPI.

GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION AND ITS ADHD SERVICES

3. With relation to the present time (reflecting the most recent data that you have). Please can you answer the following questions:
 - a. With regards to your adult ADHD services.
 - i. Do you currently have a commissioned adult ADHD assessment service?
Yes
 - ii. How many adults do you have waiting for an adult ADHD assessment?
We currently have 624 adults waiting for an ADHD assessment
 - iii. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for an adult ADHD Assessment?
This information is not recorded¹.

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.

iv. What is your current longest waiting time for an adult ADHD Assessment?

21 Weeks

v. What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject adults who have been referred for an ADHD assessment.

We do not refuse referrals. All referrals received are triaged at the point of first contact so that they can be directed to the most appropriate service. For cases where the Trust does not provide the required service or service users do not meet the eligibility criteria, our assessment team provide advice on the most appropriate service or source of support and advice.

vi. Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for adults with ADHD?

Yes

b. With regards to your child ADHD services

i. Do you currently have a commissioned child ADHD Assessment service?

Yes

ii. How many children do you have waiting for a child ADHD assessment?

We currently have 1,400 children waiting for an ADHD Assessment.

Across Hertfordshire, there is currently a significant wait for CAMHS ADHD assessments. We are working with our commissioners and partners to improve the situation for local families.

iii. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for a child ADHD Assessment?

This information is not recorded¹.

iv. What is your current longest waiting time for a child ADHD Assessment?

201 weeks

v. What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject children who have been referred for an ADHD assessment.

We do not refuse referrals. All referrals received are triaged at the point of first contact so that they can be directed to the most appropriate service. For cases where the Trust does not provide the required service or service users do not meet the eligibility criteria, our assessment team provide advice on the most appropriate service or source of support and advice.

vi. **Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for children with ADHD?**

Yes

c. **Information on your financial year.**

i. **What are the dates of your financial year 2022-23.**

1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023

ii. **What are the dates of your financial year 2021-22.**

1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022

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

**Sue Smith
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](#).

