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Our Ref: FOI/04929

Thank you for your request concerning ADHD referrals, assessments and diagnosis.

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

Questions:

For the years 2018, 2019, 2020,2021 and 2022 please provide the following broken down by calendar year

- 1) **Number of people who sought/were referred for an ADHD diagnosis.**
- 2) **Number of individuals assessed for ADHD**
- 3) **Number of individuals diagnosed for ADHD**

Please also break down the data into the following two categories: Children and Young people and Adults.

Adults

	Number of Adult Neurodevelopment Referrals
2018	4,011
2019	4,671
2020	4,244
2021	4,985
2022	5,430

The above figures represent the number of Neurodevelopmental referrals received. The way in which we currently record data in adult services do not track the number of diagnosis made for ADHD, or separate ADHD assessments from any other type of assessments carried out.

Our reporting has improved since last year, as we started to see increased demand coming in and we anticipate an underreporting in previous years. However, we do not capture activity once those individuals come through in to services, which is why we cannot report assessments completed and diagnosis.

In order for us to provide the information just for ADHD would involve us manually going through every referral and for just ACMHS from 2018 to 2022 there was 23,341 referrals; 5,430 in 2022 alone. At a conservative estimate of 15 mins per record to scrutinise each referral to establish referral reason to identify ADHD, then identify is an if an assessment took place leading to diagnosis would equate to a minimum of 5,835.25 hours work @ £25 hour = £145,881.25.



Therefore we have applied exemption S12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit¹.

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.

Children and Young People

ADHD referrals to CAMHS are recorded in a similar way and would result in Section 12 – Cost of compliance exceeding the appropriate limit being applied. We would also like to clarify that we are not the only provider for CAMHS ADHD referrals.

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

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](#).



¹ Section 12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit