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Thank you for your request concerning CAMHS, ADHD, ASD and Psychological Therapies waiting times.

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

I am reaching out under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding waiting lists for specific assessments and therapies. The requested period is the most current available or the most recent position.

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Assessment:

1. What is the current number of people waiting for a CAMHS assessment?

There are 226 service users waiting for the 28 days as of 23/1/2024 county wide.

2. What is your average waiting time for CAMHS treatment?

On average wait in the last 3 months (1/10/2023 to 31/12/2023) was 35 days county wide.

3. Who is the person responsible for managing these waiting lists?

These waiting lists are held in geographically local teams who each have a dedicated leadership team who oversee this.

4. Has Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Trust used independent providers to carry out work on the waiting list?

No

Neurodevelopment Assessment:

5. What is the average waiting time for a Neurodevelopmental assessment for children and adults?

HPFT does not provide an ASD diagnostic service for children.

	Adult ASD Assessment average waiting time
Hertfordshire	24 Months
West Essex (Adults without a Learning Disability)	24.5 Weeks However, those waiting longer have been offered by ICB to be transferred to another service for quicker assessment but declined.



	Adult ADHD Assessment average waiting time (last 3 months)
	63 Days
	CAMHS ADHD assessment average waiting time (last 3 months)
	383 Days

6. What is the current number of children and adults waiting for a Neurodevelopmental assessment?

	Number of Adults waiting for ASD Assessment
Herts	721
West Essex (Adults without a Learning Disability)	49

	Number of Adults waiting for ADHD Assessment
	1,302
	Number of Children waiting for ADHD assessment
	1,542

7. **Who is the person responsible for managing this waiting list?**

In Hertfordshire our Clinical Director of Psychological Services is responsible and in West Essex our Performance Lead is responsible.

8. **Has Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Trust used independent providers to carry out work on the waiting list?**

No.

However the Herts and West Essex ICB have asked us to pass referrals across, with consent, following the choice process for a quicker assessment.

Psychological Therapies:

9. **What is the average waiting time for psychological therapies?**

For Adult Community Mental Health Services (ACMHS) the average waiting time is 31 weeks.

We do not have a psychological therapies service for autism in any part of the Trust footprint, other than where the person has either LD or Mental health and we offer for that.

10. **What is the current number of adults awaiting psychological therapy?**

The total number of adults waiting for psychological intervention in ACMHS is 562.

11. **Who is the person responsible for managing this waiting list?**

There is not one person response, it would depend on the area.

12. **Has Hertfordshire Partnership University NHS Trust used independent providers to carry out work on the waiting list?**

No.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

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