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ADHD adults and children

For your Trust, please could you provide the following information:

1. The current wait time for an undiagnosed child (under the age of 18) to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP to the Health and Social Care system.

a. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Response: There are no psychiatrists in the ADHD service, this service is led by Community Paediatricians

2. The current wait time for an undiagnosed adult to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP to the Health and Social Care system.

a. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Response: Adult Mental Health ADHD Service has been operational since September 2019 (past 4 years). This service has one Part-Time Consultant Psychiatrist (0.4 WTE).

GP Referrals are sent via CCG to Referral Management and if triaged as appropriate the referral is passed on Paris to ADHD Service and added to the waiting list. Internal Referrals are received either by letter or via Paris system, they are then logged and added to the ADHD waiting list. From receipt of referral via GP or internally the current waiting time 3 years for review with a Consultant Psychiatrist in the ADHD Service. However for a new referral received today the waiting time is excess of 4 years.

Please see below a breakdown of the number of patients waiting over last 4 years

2019	30
2020	187
2021	506
2022	460

3. The number of children (under the age of 18) with an ADHD diagnosis. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

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Response: This information is not captured in the Trust's IT system, as people are often coded with a multiplicity of presentations.

We estimate that compliance with this request for information would require an extensive manual trawl of patient records and would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

4. The number of adults (over the aged of 18) with an ADHD diagnosis. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Response: New referrals received by the ADHD Service are for assessment and diagnosis of ADHD. There are currently 179 service users diagnosed with ADHD on the caseload of the Consultant Psychiatrist, ADHD Service.

There will also be service users diagnosed with ADHD on Consultant Psychiatrists caseload within Community Mental Health Team, however, diagnosis is not captured in the IT system, as people are often coded with multiplicity of presentations / diagnoses. Unfortunately we cannot provide a gender breakdown.

5. How many adult assessments were done in the last year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Response: This information is not available with the current IT systems.

We estimate that compliance with this request for information would mean an extensive trawl of patient records and would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

6. How many children assessments were done in the last year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

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Response: This information is not available with the current IT systems due to the coding of referrals, not all referrals will have an assessment.

7. In the last year how many adult ADHD assessment referrals have been rejected. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Response: All GP and Internal referrals to the ADHD Service are accepted on to the waiting list and will be offered an assessment in due course.

8. In the last year how many children ADHD assessment referrals have been rejected. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Response: This information is not captured by the IT systems. It is not be possible to do a manual trawl of patient records as there would be too many variations.

9. In the last year how many adults with an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Response: This information is not captured by the IT systems.

10. In the last year how many children with an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Response: This information is not captured by the IT systems.

11. In the last year how many adults on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

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a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Response: This information is not recorded on our current IT systems and we estimate that compliance with this request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

12. In the last year how many children on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

Response: This information is not captured by the IT systems.