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ADHD Services

Thank you for your timely response to my request for information on ADHD assessments dated 17 October (Ref: 28172). Based on your response, I would like some further information:

- 1. In your response to question 2, you have referred to "an onward referral would be made for (ADHD) assessment". Does the Trust have a written policy for this onward referral procedure? If so, please provide a copy. If not, is this onward referral procedure based on NHS/NICE or other guidance? If so, please specify which guidance this is.**

There is no policy on ADHD referrals from the Autism Service and vice versa. These referrals are made based on the clinical judgement of the medical staff reviewing the patient.

- 2. In your response to question 3, you have referred to "within neurodevelopmental history-taking, differential diagnosis is considered as part of the diagnostic formulation." Please provide the numbers of individuals referred by the Trust's ASD Service for ADHD assessment in each year since 2012, showing separately (a) males under 18, (b) females under 18, (c) males over 18 and (d) females over 18.**

It is not possible to provide this data as it would take more than 18 hours in total to locate, retrieve and extract the information.

Belfast Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.