

**04 December 2023**

## **REFERRALS ADHD**

**I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000)**

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

- i) Number of people who sought/referred for an ADHD diagnosis.**
- ii) Number of individuals who were then referred for assessment.**
- iii) Number of those assessed who were given an official diagnosis.**

**Please further segregate the data by CYP and Adults.**

**If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the time or cost limits identified in Section 12, please provide the information in part and chronologically with a priority placed upon 2022 data.**

Response Adults for i), ii) and iii)

This information is not collated centrally and an extensive trawl of patient notes would be required. To undertake this exercise would involve a significant number of hours. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

We estimate that compliance with this (element of the) 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.

Response CYP for i), ii) and iii)

“The following information is in respect of BHSCT Paediatric Community ADHD Service. This service is for Children and Young People (CYP) to the age of 18.

i) We do not hold information on the number of people who sought a referral for an ADHD diagnosis. However the total number of referrals received by the BHSCT ADHD Service (Paediatric) by Year and the number accepted for the service based on the referral criteria, are listed in the following table.

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Year	Total Referrals Received	Total Accepted
2018	3	3
2019	626	373
2020	500	279
2021	653	379
2022	796	511
2023*	760	572
Grand Total	3338	2117

\*Figures are for year to date October 2023  
Source: PARIS

ii) We do not routinely collate the information needed to respond to your question and an extensive trawl of patient notes and clinic diaries would be required to do so. To undertake this exercise would involve a significant number of hours. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

iii) The following are the number of diagnoses per year (2018 – 2022) for ADHD in CYP to the age of 18 by the BHSCT Paediatric Community ADHD Service.

YEAR	Number of Diagnoses ADHD
2018	110
2019	117
2020	81
2021	95
2022	197

We do not collate the information in a way that allows for correlation of number of referrals to the number of assessments for ADHD and then to number of resultant diagnoses. An extensive trawl of patient notes and clinic diaries would be required to do so. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

We estimate that compliance with this element of the 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. “