

Ref: FOI/00357/CMICB
19 May 2023

Dear

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000
ADHD Services**

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB). I can provide you with the following information and responses.

Your Request:

QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON ADULT ADHD SERVICES

1) For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:

a) For each of those years how many adult assessments for ADHD were done?

i) If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

b) For each of those years what was the average waiting time (in weeks) for adults who had an assessment for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).

i) If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

c) For each of those years how many adult ADHD referrals were rejected prior to the individual receiving an assessment?

i) If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

d) For each of those years how many adults were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.

i) If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

Our Response:

Please find listed below the requested information held regarding adult ADHD assessment and diagnosis services commissioned in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

1a - d) Information not held*.

Halton

1a - d) Information not held*.

Knowsley

1a - d) Information not held*.

Liverpool

1a - d) Information not held*.

Sefton

1a - d) Information not held*.

St Helens

1a - d) Information not held*.

Warrington

1a - d) Information not held*.

Wirral

1) Information not held*.

Your Request:

QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON CHILD ADHD SERVICES

2) For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:

a) For each of those years how many child assessments for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) were done?

i) If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

b) For each of those years what was the average waiting time (in weeks) for children who had an assessment for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).

i) If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

c) For each of those years how many child ADHD referrals were rejected prior to assessment?

i) If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

d) For each of those years how many children were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.

i) If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

Our Response:

Please find listed below the requested information held regarding Children & Young People (CYP) ADHD assessment and diagnosis services commissioned in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

2a - d) Information not held*.

Halton

1a - d) Information not held*.

Knowsley

1a - d) Information not held*.

Liverpool

2a - d) Information not held*.

Sefton

2a - d) Information not held*.

St Helens

2a - d) Information not held*.

Warrington

2a - d) Information not held*.

Wirral

2a - d) Information not held*.

Your Request:

GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION AND ITS ADHD SERVICES

3) With relation to the present time (reflecting the most recent data that you have). Please can you answer the following questions:

a) With regards to your adult ADHD services.

i) Do you currently have a commissioned adult ADHD assessment service?

ii) How many adults do you have waiting for an adult ADHD assessment?

iii) What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for an adult ADHD Assessment?

iv) What is your current longest waiting time for an adult ADHD Assessment?

v) What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject adults who have been referred for an ADHD assessment.

vi) Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for adults with ADHD?

b) With regards to your child ADHD services

i) Do you currently have a commissioned child ADHD Assessment service?

ii) How many children do you have waiting for a child ADHD assessment?

iii) What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for a child ADHD Assessment?

iv) What is your current longest waiting time for a child ADHD Assessment?

v) What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject children who have been referred for an ADHD assessment.

vi) Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for children with ADHD?

Our Response:

Please find listed below the requested information held regarding the current Children & Young People (CYP) and Adult ADHD assessment and diagnosis services commissioned in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

Cheshire

3ai) Yes.

3aii – v) Information not held*.
3vi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.
3bi) Yes.
3bii – v) Information not held*.
3bvi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.

Halton

3ai) Yes.
3aii – v) Information not held*.
3vi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.
3bi) Yes.
3bii – v) Information not held*.
3bvi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.

Knowsley

3ai) Yes.
3aii – v) Information not held*.
3vi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.
3bi) Yes.
3bii – v) Information not held*.
3bvi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.

Liverpool

3ai) Yes.
3aii – v) Information not held*.
3vi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.
3bi) Yes.
3bii – v) Information not held*.
3bvi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.

Sefton

3ai) Yes.
3aii – v) Information not held*.
3vi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.
3bi) Yes.
3bii) As of March 2023, there were 1,329 CYP open to the pathway.
3biii) The commissioned pathway is 30 weeks. As of March 2023, 56.42% CYP on the open pathway have been waiting less than 30 weeks.
3biv) As of March 2023, the longest wait was 116 weeks.
3bv) Information not held*.
3bvi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.

St Helens

3ai) Yes.
3aii – v) Information not held*.
3vi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.
3bi) Yes.
3bii – v) Information not held*.
3bvi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.

Warrington

3ai) Yes.

3aii – v) Information not held*.

3vi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.

3bi) Yes.

3bii – v) Information not held*.

3bvi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.

Wirral

3ai) Yes.

3aii – v) Information not held*.

3vi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.

3bi) Yes.

3bii – v) Information not held*.

3bvi) Services are commissioned in line with NICE guidance.

Your Request:

c) Information on your financial year.

i) What are the dates of your financial year 2022-23.

ii) What are the dates of your financial year 2021-22.

Our Response:

ci) 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

cii) 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

*You may wish to redirect your request for this information to the commissioned providers of CYP and Adult ADHD assessment/diagnostic service who are listed below along with their contact details for Freedom of Information requests:

Cheshire

- *Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*

foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk

- *Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*

foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*

bchft.foi@nhs.net

- *Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CYP & Adult ADHD)*

cwp.foi@nhs.net

Halton

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*
bchft.foi@nhs.net
- *Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust (Adult ADHD)*
FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

Knowsley

- *Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*
FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk
- *Clinical Partners (CYP & Adult ADHD)*
<https://www.clinical-partners.co.uk/contact>
- *Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust (Adult ADHD)*
FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

Liverpool

- *Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*
FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk
- *Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Adult ADHD)*
cwp.foi@nhs.net

Sefton

- *Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*
FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk
- *Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust (Adult ADHD)*
FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk

St Helens

- *St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (CYP ADHD)*
foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk
- *Haydock Medical Centre (Adult ADHD)*
<https://www.haydockmc.com/contact>

Warrington

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*
bchft.foi@nhs.net
- *Quay Healthcare (Adult ADHD)*
<https://quayhealthcare.org/contact-us/>

Wirral

- *Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*
wcnt.foi@nhs.net

- *Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (Adult ADHD)*
cwp.foi@nhs.net

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that, where you are not satisfied with the response to your request for information, a formal complaints and internal review process is available.

This can be formally requested by emailing foi@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk and must be done within a reasonable time period (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you remain dissatisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at;

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk*