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## 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 Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (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.
    - ii. 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?
    - iii. 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.
    - iv. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

### 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 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.
  - ii. 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?
  - iii. 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.
  - iv. If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

**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?**

**4. 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.**

## RESPONSE

1. The service is only providing paediatric ADHD assessments, as such sections 1 and 3a cannot be answered.
2. Section 12: cost exceeds the appropriate time limit  
  
To provide the data requested, the Trust would need to undertake a manual review of medical records, which would exceed the appropriate time limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not have to comply with a request where we estimate that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days collating the information requested.
3. b.
  - i. Yes the Developmental Paediatric Service with St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals is currently commissioned to provide ADHD assessments for children and young people in St Helens.

- ii. There are currently 225 new patients waiting to begin their ADHD assessments.
  - iii. The current expected waiting time to begin a child ADHD assessment is 45 weeks.
  - iv. The current longest waiting time for a child to begin their ADHD assessment is 45 weeks.
  - v. The service holds a weekly triage panel with a minimum of two clinicians who review referrals against the service criteria and NICE guidance.
  - vi. The guidelines are currently being reviewed against our pathways of care; data is currently not available.
4. 01.04.2022 – 31.03.2023 (FY 2022/23), 01.04.2021 – 31.03.2022 (FY 2021/22)