

For your NHS Health Board 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 on the NHS.**
 - 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.**

Year	Weeks
2021	38
2020	29
2019	29
2018	30
2017	20

- 2. The current wait time for an undiagnosed adult to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS.**
 - 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.**

The ADHD diagnostic and assessment service for adults commenced in this Health Board on 30th June 2022. Prior to this a number of people were seen as proof-of-concept exercise to determine the viability of ADHD assessments being undertaken within the Community Mental Health Team (CMHT). The people assessed had mainly undergone an IAS (Integrated Autism Service) assessment or were existing patients already under services of the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Division.

The service is accessed via a referral from the GP to the relevant CMHT and as such, there is currently no waiting list, as the service is new, and referrals are starting to be made. It is anticipated however that a waiting list will be required to manage the demand.

- 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.**

Please note the Health Board is unable to provide the information by gender, a search of every record would have to be undertaken to obtain

this information. Therefore, in order to comply with your request, the Health Board has established that this would exceed the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which is currently £450. As you will be aware this is not an exemption which requires us to consider the application of the public interest test. We have calculated that it would take in excess of 18 hours to review the record of each patient.

Year	Number
2021	40
2020	69
2019	54
2018	70
2017	61

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.**

Please refer to Q2.

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.**

Please refer to Q2.

Since November 2021, as part of the proof-of-concept exercise a total of 28 assessment have been completed broken down by gender as follows:

Male	14
Female	14

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.**

Year	Number
2021	234
2020	329
2019	452
2018	444
2017	248

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

Please refer to Q2.

Since November 2021, as part of the proof-of-concept exercise the following referrals broken down by gender were deemed not appropriate:

Male	<5
Female	11

Where less than five (5) patients have been identified, Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied as the Health Board cannot provide the exact numbers due to the low numbers of individuals involved (5 or less). The Health Board believes there is a potential risk of individuals being able to be identified, when considered with other information already available within the public domain, if this was disclosed. Therefore, the data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

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.**

As per Q3 the Health Board are unable to provide information in relation to gender.

Please find below assessment referrals that have not been accepted by year:

Year	Number*
2021	77
2020	157
2019	73
2018	103
2017	53

*Please note the figures below are not specific for ADHD.

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.**

Please refer to Q4. The current system used in the Health Board does not capture this information electronically and a search of every record would have to be undertaken.

- 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.**

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- 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.**

- 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.**

Please refer to Q4.

- 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.**

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