

ADHD Services

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1st April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

Dear FOI Service,

Please may I request the answers to the following questions. With regards to your organisation: Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON ADULT ADHD SERVICES

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

- 1. For each of those years how many adult assessments for ADHD were done?*

Answer: The Trust carries out ADHD assessments on children only. The Devon Partnership NHS Trust (DPT) hold the ADHD referrals for adults. Please email <https://www.dpt.nhs.uk/contact> and further information can be found via their website via the link <https://www.dpt.nhs.uk/>

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

Answer: Not applicable.

- 3. 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).*

Answer: Not applicable.

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

Answer: Not applicable.

- 5. For each of those years how many adult ADHD referrals were rejected prior to the individual receiving an assessment?*

Answer: Not applicable.

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

Answer: Not applicable.

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

Answer: Not applicable.

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

Answer: Not applicable.

QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON CHILD ADHD SERVICES

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

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

Answer: To provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation and validation of information from various sources; systems (including legacy systems) and individual records. To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Section 12 (1) and defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if it estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit of £450 represents the estimated cost of one person spending two and a half days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting that information.

However, to assist you please see the FOI responses below published on our website.

- <https://www.royaldevon.nhs.uk/media/2daaia5i/foi-rdf1514-23-asd-and-camhs-waiting-times.pdf>
- <https://www.royaldevon.nhs.uk/media/3pvmktpn/foi-rdf1444-23-adhd.pdf>

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

Answer: The Trust has considered your request, however to provide you with the information requested would require the manual extraction and manipulation of information from various sources, including legacy systems and individual patient records as this information is not routinely reported. To carry out this work would exceed the appropriate cost limit as set out in Section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is therefore exempt.

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the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting that information

11. 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).

Answer: Please see response to question 9.

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

Answer: This information is not routinely reported, please see response to question 10.

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

Answer: This information is not routinely reported, please see response to question 10.

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

Answer: This information is not routinely reported, please see response to question 10.

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

Answer: This information is not routinely reported, please see response to question 10.

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

Answer: This information is not routinely reported, please see response to question 10.

GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION AND ITS ADHD SERVICES

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

With regards to your adult ADHD services.

17. Do you currently have a commissioned adult ADHD assessment service?

Answer: No. Please see response to question 1.

18. How many adults do you have waiting for an adult ADHD assessment?

Answer: Not applicable.

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

Answer: Not applicable.

20. What is your current longest waiting time for an adult ADHD Assessment?

Answer: Not applicable.

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

Answer: Not applicable.

22. *Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for adults with ADHD?*

Answer: Not applicable.

With regards to your child ADHD services

23. *Do you currently have a commissioned child ADHD Assessment service?*

Answer: Yes, for Royal Devon Eastern Services.

24. *How many children do you have waiting for a child ADHD assessment?*

Answer: 375.

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

Answer: Please see response to question 9.

26. *What is your current longest waiting time for a child ADHD Assessment?*

Answer: 68 weeks.

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

Answer: As per RDE ADHD guideline / NICE guideline see below:

As per NICE guidelines, before we can accept the referral we need additional information to determine whether we are the most appropriate service. We require evidence of ADHD symptoms presenting across at least two settings e.g. home and school, with supporting information from school and /or other professionals supporting the child and family.

Examples of evidence include:

- RDE NAP 1 form
- Detailed descriptions of the behaviours that are causing concern and duration of these
- Reports if available e.g. Educational Psychology, SALT, other
- Details of interventions undertaken to support in school

Families should access behaviour management advice / parenting programmes through prior to being referred for a specialist paediatric assessment.

These referral criteria are in line with NICE guidance for management of ADHD in children (Sept 2019):

1.2.6 When a child or young person presents in primary care with behavioural and/or attention problems suggestive of ADHD, primary care practitioners should determine the severity of the problems, how these affect the child or young person and the parents or carers, and the extent to which they pervade different domains and settings.

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

Answer: Yes.

Information on your financial year.

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

Answer: 01/04/22 – 31/03/23.

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

Answer: 01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022.