

## FOI\_1153\_2023-24 – FOI Request Concerning – ADHD Services

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**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?**
- 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).**
- c. For each of those years how many adult ADHD referrals were rejected prior to the individual receiving an assessment?**
- d. For each of those years how many adults were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.**

Solent NHS do not offer an adult ADHD Service

**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?**

2021/22 = 149\*

2022/23 = 137\*

- 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).**

2021-22 average = 28.7 weeks\*

2022-23 average = 30.7 weeks\*

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

We are not able to provide this information as it is not recorded on our patient healthcare record system

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

2021-22 = 100 waiting\*

2022-23 = 400 waiting\*

**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.**

Solent NHS does not provide a service for adults with ADHD

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

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

366 waiting\*

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

30.8 weeks\*

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

56 weeks\*

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

The ADHD referral would be triaged by a CAMHS clinician and then the family contacted for a discussion based around the referral. The family and referred child/young person may also be invited into clinic for a screening assessment to ensure that there are no other mental health presentations alongside the ADHD query. Alongside, it is expected that school/social information is supplied alongside the initial referral and if it is not this will be requested by the CAMHS team to help inform the clinical discussions. It is always key to ensure that information is supplied/gathered which evidences the behaviour of the child/young person to underpin any ADHD query.

An holistic breath of evidence is always gathered to evidence decision making around whether to accept or reject a ADHD referral.

It is worth noting that if the service does not feel an ADHD assessment is indicated then this is discussed with the parent and consideration given for alternative sources of support should it be needed i.e., parenting, early help, counselling\*\*

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

The service reviews its offer against the NICE guidance on an annual basis to ascertain compliance against the guidance. This offers the assurance that it is compliant whilst also indicating areas for improvement/focusing upon to help improve compliance

**5. Information on your financial year.**

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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

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

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

\*These figures are for Southampton only as Portsmouth does not differentiate Neurodevelopmental referrals into specific categories i.e., ADHD, ASC

\*\*This is information for both Portsmouth and Southampton