

FOI_1563_2023-24 – FOI Request concerning ADHD Assessments

If possible, please break this down between children and adults.

**1. How many people are currently on your waiting list for ADHD assessments?
Please break this down between children and adults.**

Children (Southampton)

431 Census 20/02/2024

Childrens (Portsmouth Neurodiversity Service)** - We don't split our waiting list for assessment into ASC and ADHD everyone on the waiting list will be having an ND assessment. The total number we have on the waiting list for an ND assessment is 495

2. How many assessments have you carried out every calendar year between 2018 and 2023?

If possible, please break this down between children and adults.

a) Children (Southampton CAMHS)

2020 = 245 assessments

2021 = 205 assessments

2022 = 107 assessments

2023 = 241 assessments

b) Children (Southampton Autism Service)

2021 = 42 assessments

2022 = 35 assessments

2023 = 62 assessments

c) Childrens (Portsmouth CAMHS – Neurodevelopmental pathway)

2018 = 63

2019 = 218

2020 = 71

2021 = 190

2022 = 102 (Pathway was closed due to set up of new Neurodevelopmental Service)

d) Childrens (Portsmouth Neurodiversity Service)**

2023 = 178 (Majority of which are for referrals migrated from Portsmouth CAMHS)

3. How many ADHD referrals did you receive each calendar year between 2018 and 2023?

Please break this down between children and adults.

a) Children (Southampton)

2019 = 234

2020 = 117

2021 = 126

2022 = 438

2023 = 322

Figures represent referrals added to the ADHD pathway following CAMHS Triage. We are not able to report on referrals where ADHD is suspected as this is not recorded.

b) Childrens (Portsmouth CAMHS – Neurodevelopmental pathway)

2018 = 209

2019 = 205

2020 = 183

2021 = 149

2022 = 17 (Pathway was closed due to set up of new Neurodevelopmental Service)

c) Childrens (Portsmouth Neurodiversity Service)**

2023 = 1128 (includes referrals for family support and signposting. Out of the 1128 referrals into the service 153 of those referrals were for assessment only)

4. How many ADHD referrals did you accept each calendar year between 2018 and 2023?

Please break this down between children and adults.

All referrals confirmed for ADHD pathway following triage are accepted. We are not able to report on referrals to CAMHS where ADHD is suspected as this is not recorded.

Portsmouth Neurodiversity Service referrals in 2023 are all accepted onto the system by default so we are not able to provide a reliable figure for this.

5. What is the (mean) average time patients wait between referral and an assessment for ADHD for each calendar year between 2018 and 2023?

a) Children (Southampton)

2020 = 74.38 weeks

2021 = 47.39 weeks

2022 = 22.18 weeks

2023 = 49.29 weeks

b) Children (Southampton Autism Service)

2021 = 110 weeks – Impacted by closure of Service in 2020

2022 = 47.8 weeks

2023 = 63.8 weeks

c) Children (Portsmouth CAMHS – Neurodevelopmental pathway)

2018 = 38.83 weeks

2019 = 51.62 weeks

2020 = 56.57 weeks

2021 = 84.94 weeks

2022 = 73.53 weeks

d) Childrens (Portsmouth Neurodiversity Service)**

2023 = 44.3 weeks – Taken from the Go Live date for the new Neurodiversity service, excluding any previous wait for migrated referrals

**** Portsmouth Neurodiversity Service** - Portsmouth city launched a new integrated health and social care Neurodiversity service in September 2022 alongside the introduction of the Portsmouth Neuro Diversity profiling tool. This tool is completed in partnership with children and families by professionals that know the child well (usually school or Early Years settings). The tool is designed to highlight the child's areas of strength and challenge along a profile of ND needs and provide the family and school with suggested ways to support the child in various settings by adapting the environment and requirements of the child. This is supported with advice and guidance from the service and community partners including Parent Carers and by the multi-disciplinary ND team that consists of ND practitioners, family support workers, speech and language therapists and occupational therapists. It is expected that children will have had ND profiles completed and appropriate adaptations made and reviewed before they are referred to the ND team for a formal ND diagnostic assessment.