

Ref: FOI/00364/CMICB  
19 May 2023

Dear,

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000  
ADHD Assessment & Treatment**

Thank you for your information request indicated in bold below, which has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 by NHS Cheshire & Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB). I can provide you with the following information and responses.

**Your Request:**

**1) The number of undiagnosed children (under the age of 18) currently on the waiting list for an ADHD assessment on the NHS.**

**1a) Please can you also provide the same information for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.**

**2) The current average waiting time for an undiagnosed child (under the age of 18) to see a psychiatrist for ADHD assessment after being referred from a GP on the NHS.**

**2a) The longest waiting time for a child currently on the list.**

**2b) Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.**

**3) How many child assessments were done in the past year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.**

**3a) 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.**

**4) The current average waiting time for a child (under the age of 18) between ADHD diagnosis and starting treatment on the NHS. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by type of treatment (medication or behavioural therapy)**

**4a) The longest waiting time between diagnosis and treatment for a child currently on the list.**

**4b) Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.**

**5) The number of undiagnosed adults currently on the waiting list for an ADHD assessment on the NHS.**

**5a) Please can you also provide the same information for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit**

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

**6a) The longest waiting time for an adult currently on the list**

**6b) Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.**

**7) How many adult assessments were done in the past year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.**

**7a) 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.**

**8) The current average waiting time for an adult between ADHD diagnosis and starting treatment on the NHS. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by type of treatment (medication or behavioural therapy)**

**8a) The longest waiting time between diagnosis and treatment for an adult currently on the list.**

**8b) Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.**

**Our Response:**

Please find listed below the requested information held regarding Children & Young People (CYP) and adult ADHD assessment and diagnosis services commissioned in each of the former CCG areas that now make up NHS Cheshire & Merseyside ICB:

**Cheshire**

1 – 8) Information not held\*.

**Halton**

1 – 8) Information not held\*.

## **Knowsley**

1 – 8) Information not held\*.

## **Liverpool**

1) For the former NHS Liverpool CCG area, there were 2,479 children with an open pathway to ADHD assessment at the end of March 2023. Please note that this does not mean that the process of assessment has not commenced, but rather it has not reached its conclusion.

1a) Please find listed below the information held on the number of children with an open pathway to ADHD assessment from 2019 to 2022:

January 2019 Open pathways: 819

March 2020 Open pathways: 1248

March 2021 Open pathways: 395

March 2022 Open pathways: 688

2) Information not held\*

2a) The longest waiting time as of March 2023, was 116 weeks. Please note that children with such long waiting times have typically already undergone the full assessment process, but due to diagnostic uncertainties further investigation is required before the assessment can be definitively concluded.

2b – 4b) Information not held\*.

5) For the former NHS Liverpool CCG area, there were 572 adults currently on the waiting list for an ADHD assessment at the end of March 2023.

5a) Information not held\*)

6) 204 weeks (as at the end of March 2023).

6a) 390 weeks (as at the end of March 2023).

6b – 8) Information not held\*.

## **Sefton**

1) As of March 2023, there were 1,329 CYP open to the pathway.

1a – 3) Information not held\*.

4) The commissioned pathway is 30 weeks. As of March 2023, 56.42% CYP on the open pathway have been waiting less than 30 weeks.

4a) As of March 2023, the longest wait was 116 weeks.

4b – 8) Information not held\*.

## **St Helens**

1 – 8) Information not held\*.

## **Warrington**

1 – 8) Information not held\*.

## **Wirral**

1 – 8) Information not held\*.

\*You may wish to redirect your request for this information to the commissioned providers of CYP and Adult ADHD assessment/diagnostic service who are listed below along with their contact details for Freedom of Information requests:

## **Cheshire**

- *Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*  
[foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.foi@mcht.nhs.uk)
- *Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*  
[foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.enquiries@coch.nhs.uk)
- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*  
[bchft.foi@nhs.net](mailto:bchft.foi@nhs.net)
- *Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CYP & Adult ADHD)*  
[cwp.foi@nhs.net](mailto:cwp.foi@nhs.net)

## **Halton**

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*  
[bchft.foi@nhs.net](mailto:bchft.foi@nhs.net)
- *Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust (Adult ADHD)*  
[FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk)

## **Knowsley**

- *Alder Hey Children's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*  
[FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk](mailto:FOIRequests@alderhey.nhs.uk)
- *Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust (Adult ADHD)*  
[FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk)

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[FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@merseycare.nhs.uk)

## **St Helens**

- *St Helens & Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (CYP ADHD)*  
[foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk](mailto:foirequests@sthk.nhs.uk)

- *Haydock Medical Centre (Adult ADHD)*  
<https://www.haydockmc.com/contact>

## **Warrington**

- *Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*  
[bchft.foi@nhs.net](mailto:bchft.foi@nhs.net)
- *Quay Healthcare (Adult ADHD)*  
<https://quayhealthcare.org/contact-us/>

## **Wirral**

- *Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust (CYP ADHD)*  
[wcnt.foi@nhs.net](mailto:wcnt.foi@nhs.net)
- *Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CYP & Adult ADHD)*  
[cwp.foi@nhs.net](mailto:cwp.foi@nhs.net)

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that, where you are not satisfied with the response to your request for information, a formal complaints and internal review process is available.

This can be formally requested by emailing [foi@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk) and must be done within a reasonable time period (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you remain dissatisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at;

*The Information Commissioner's Office*  
*Wycliffe House*  
*Water Lane*  
*Wilmslow*  
*Cheshire*  
*SK9 5AF*  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us quoting the above FOI reference.

