

**Reference Number:** FOIAH2324/023  
**From:** Private Individual  
**Date:** 14 April 2023  
**Subject:** Use of screening before referring patients for ADHD assessments

Q1 Do you use screening before referring individuals to be assessed for ADHD.

Definition being as per NHS:

- Screening: a triage process, using standardised tools and/or agreed processes and carried out by experienced Liaison and Diversion practitioners.
- Assessment including specialist assessment: carried out by someone with a specific professional mandate, i.e. with requisite professional skills.

A1 Yes

Q2 If yes, when did you introduce screening?

A2 Assessment has always taken place by a clinical professional prior to a referral being made from Alder Hey (AH) services to the ADHD service.

Q3 For the years 2018, 2019, 2020,2021 and 2022 please provide the following broken down by calendar year.

- Number of people who sought/referred for an ADHD diagnosis.
- Number of individuals who received screening
- Number of individuals who were then referred for assessment.
- Number of those assessed who were given an official diagnosis.

A3 Please note we can only provide ADHD data from April 2020 onwards

a and c:

	2020 (April - December)	2021	2022
Internal Referrals from AH Trust Wide Services to AH ADHD Service	89	164	320
Total Referrals to AH ADHD Service	720	2,312	3,580

b and d: Information not held – the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data. In order to confirm both the number of individuals who received screening and the number of those assessed who were given an official diagnosis, the Trust would be required to access personal data of the individuals and as such the data is exempt under Section 40: Personal data.