

**Reference Number:** FOI202223/191  
**From:** Commercial  
**Date:** 21 July 2022  
**Subject:** ADHD Services - waiting times and number of assessments

**Q1** The current wait time for an undiagnosed child (under the age of 18) to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS.  
 a. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

**A1** Information not held – The Trust does not offer psychiatry appointments as part of the ADHD service

**Q2** The current wait time for an undiagnosed adult to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS.  
 a. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

**A2** Information not held - Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist children's hospital and does not routinely treat adults

**Q3** The number of children (under the age of 18) with an ADHD diagnosis. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.  
 a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

**A3**

	Sept 17 - Aug 18	Sept 18 - Aug 19	Sept 19 - Aug 20	Sept 20 - Aug 21	Sept 21 - Aug 22
Female	75	254	185	194	268
Male	260	1056	556	556	617
Total	335	1310	741	750	885

**Q4** The number of adults (over the aged of 18 with an ADHD diagnosis. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.  
 a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

**A4** Information not held - Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist children's hospital and does not routinely treat adults

**Q5** How many adult assessments were done in the last year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.  
 a. 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.

**A5** Information not held - Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist children's

hospital and does not routinely treat adults

Q6 How many children assessments were done in the last year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. 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.

	Sept 16 - Aug 17	Sept 17 - Aug 18	Sept 18 - Aug 19	Sept 19 - Aug 20	Sept 20 - Aug 21	Sept 21 - Aug 22
Female	Information not held			18	185	342
Male				48	463	566
Total				66	648	908

Data for this response begins in June 2020.

Information not held – September 2016 to May 2020 not available as this was not centrally recorded in this way at the time.

Q7 In the last year how many adult ADHD assessment referrals have been rejected. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. 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.

A7 Information not held - Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist children's hospital and does not routinely treat adults

Q8 In the last year how many children ADHD assessment referrals have been rejected. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

a. 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.

	Sept 16 - Aug 17	Sept 17 - Aug 18	Sept 18 - Aug 19	Sept 19 - Aug 20	Sept 20 - Aug 21	Sept 21 - Aug 22
Female	Section 40: Personal Information		S40	96	174	272
Male			S40	183	258	452
Total			12	279	432	724

The Trust is unable to respond to all or specific elements of your request where the response would indicate five or less individuals. The Trust is withholding this information under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 to reduce the risk of any individuals being identified. The Trust is of the view that disclosure of such information would significantly increase the risk of individuals being identified and as such would constitute a breach of their personal data.

The Trust has applied exemption Section 40(2) of the FOIA and is therefore withholding the information as disclosure which may identify an individual would breach their rights under the Data Protection Act 2018. The grounds for application of this exemption include:

- Any data relating to patients or staff is third party data, furthermore health data is classified as sensitive personal data within the Data Protection Act 2018. As such, Section 40 (2) of the FOIA applies along with the Trusts duty of confidentiality. Therefore under s.2 (3) (f) (ii) of the FOIA, there is an absolute exemption from disclosure on the grounds that it would contravene the First Data Protection

Principle.

- The Trust has a duty under the Data Protection Act 2018 and specifically the First Data Protection Principle to ensure personal data regarding staff and patients is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of such data which may identify an individual, either through the data alone or other data in conjunction with that data which may identify an individual would therefore breach this principle.
- The Data Protection Act 2018 defines sensitive personal data to include data relating to the “physical or mental health or condition” of a person. Any such information about specific individuals falls within this category and disclosure of such data including statistical data, with any potential likelihood of identification would breach the Data Protection Act 2018.

- Q9 In the last year how many adults with an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.
- a. 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.
- A9 Information not held - Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist children's hospital and does not routinely treat adults
- Q10 In the last year how many children with an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.
- a. 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.
- A10 Information not held - the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.
- Q11 In the last year how many adults on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.
- a. 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.
- A11 Information not held - Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist children's hospital and does not routinely treat adults
- Q12 In the last year how many children on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.
- a. 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.
- A12 Information not held - the Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data.