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Dear Murray Chalmers

**Re: FOI request FOIAH2324/562**

Further to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please find a response to your questions below.

Q1 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Assessment:

- a. What is the current number of people waiting for a CAMHS assessment?
- b. What is your average waiting time for CAMHS treatment?
- c. Who is the person responsible for managing these waiting lists?
- d. Has Alder Hey Children's NHS Trust used independent providers to carry out work on the waiting list?

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- a. There are currently 356 children and young people awaiting a CAMHS assessment
- b. 26 weeks
- c. Clinical Leads and Service Managers
- d. No

Q2 Neurodevelopment Assessment:

- a. What is the average waiting time for a Neurodevelopmental assessment for children and adults?
- b. What is the current number of children and adults waiting for a Neurodevelopmental assessment?
- c. Who is the person responsible for managing this waiting list?
- d. Has Alder Hey Children's NHS Trust used independent providers to carry out work on the waiting list?

A2 **ASD assessment:**

- a. The average wait for conclusion of diagnostic pathway is 45 weeks (please note, not assessment).
- b. There are currently 4722 children and young people awaiting conclusion of their diagnostic pathway
- c. Head of Service and Operational Service Manager
- d. Yes – Healios

**ADHD assessment:**

- a. The average wait for conclusion of diagnostic pathway is 50 weeks (please note,

- not assessment).
- b. There are currently 4097 children and young people awaiting conclusion of their diagnostic pathway
  - c. Head of Service and Operational Service Manager
  - d. No

Information not held - Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist children's hospital and does not provide treatment for adults.

Q3 Psychological Therapies:

- a. What is the average waiting time for psychological therapies?
- b. What is the current number of adults awaiting psychological therapy?
- c. Who is the person responsible for managing this waiting list?
- d. Has Alder Hey Children's NHS Trust used independent providers to carry out work on the waiting list?

A3 Information not held - Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust is a specialist children's hospital and does not provide this service.

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Yours sincerely

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