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Dear Dawn

### Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 28 April 2023. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

#### ***Requested information:***

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.

**Unfortunately, we are not able to provide this information as we do not yet have an ADHD service within the Trust. Some service users may receive an ADHD diagnosis whilst receiving care but we do not have specific waiting lists for ADHD assessments.**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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