

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2324/022

**Subject:** ADHD Services

*I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<b>QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON ADULT ADHD SERVICES</b>	
<p>1. For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. For each of those years how many adult assessments for ADHD were done?</li><li>b. For each of those years what was the average waiting time (in weeks) for adults who had an assessment for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).</li><li>c. For each of those years how many adult ADHD referrals were rejected prior to the individual receiving an assessment?</li><li>d. For each of those years how many adults were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.</li></ul> <p>If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold the information for adult services.</p> <p>Please contact Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust: <a href="mailto:awp.freedomofinformation@nhs.net">awp.freedomofinformation@nhs.net</a></p>

**QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON CHILD ADHD SERVICES**

2. For your financial years 2022-23 and 2021-22 please can you tell us:
- a. For each of those years how many child assessments for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) were done?
  - b. For each of those years what was the average waiting time (in weeks) for children who had an assessment for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).
  - c. For each of those years how many child ADHD referrals were rejected prior to assessment?
  - d. For each of those years how many children were waiting for an ADHD Assessment at the end of the year.

If you have the data and it won't take us over the costs limit please can you break this down by gender.

a. The information requested is contained within individual client health records. Sirona is unable to pull out the information for the number of ADHD assessments conducted. A Paediatrician will often assess for multiple conditions alongside ADHD so the service is unable to accurately obtain this number without reviewing each individual record.

b. as of 01/06/2023 Average wait time for all paediatric clients – 35 weeks. As above, all ADHD children sit on the general Paediatric pathway.

c. Same as point a. The information requested is contained within an individual client's health record. A child will be rejected at point of triage if they do not meet the appropriate referral criteria.

d. Same as point a, unable to differentiate the general paediatric list from that of ADHD without reviewing each individual client record.

We are unable to split by gender

**GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION AND ITS ADHD SERVICES**

<p>d. With relation to the present time (reflecting the most recent data that you have). Please can you answer the following questions:</p> <p>a. With regards to your adult ADHD services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Do you currently have a commissioned adult ADHD assessment service?</li> <li>ii. How many adults do you have waiting for an adult ADHD assessment?</li> <li>iii. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for an adult ADHD Assessment?</li> <li>iv. What is your current longest waiting time for an adult ADHD Assessment?</li> <li>v. What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject adults who have been referred for an ADHD assessment.</li> <li>vi. Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for adults with ADHD?</li> </ul> <p>b. With regards to your child ADHD services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>vii. Do you currently have a commissioned child ADHD Assessment service?</li> <li>viii. How many children do you have waiting for a child ADHD assessment?</li> <li>ix. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for a child ADHD Assessment?</li> </ul>	<p>a.</p> <p>The ICB does not hold the information for adult services.</p> <p>Please contact Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust: <a href="mailto:awp.freedomofinformation@nhs.net">awp.freedomofinformation@nhs.net</a></p> <p>b.</p> <p>vii. The ICB commissions Sirona care and health to provide an ADHD Assessment and Treatment pathway as part of their wider children's service provision.</p> <p>viii. children may enter the ADHD pathway but move onto another more appropriate pathway and vice versa, therefore we are unable to provide this information without individually reviewing each file.</p> <p>ix. as of 01/06/2023 – 35 weeks (For all community Paediatrics)</p> <p>x. as of 01/06/2023 – 105 weeks (For all community Paediatrics)</p> <p>xi. please find the referral criteria online at : Community Paediatrics referral: <a href="https://www.sirona-cic.org.uk">Community Paediatric Referral – Sirona care &amp; health NHS services (sirona-cic.org.uk)</a> Community Paediatrics: <a href="https://www.sirona-cic.org.uk">Community Paediatrics – Sirona care &amp; health NHS services (sirona-cic.org.uk)</a></p> <p>In summary they require:</p>
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<p>x. What is your current longest waiting time for a child ADHD Assessment?</p> <p>xi. What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject children who have been referred for an ADHD assessment.</p> <p>xii. Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for children with ADHD?</p> <p>c. Information on your financial year.</p> <p>i. What are the dates of your financial year 2022-23.</p> <p>ii. What are the dates of your financial year 2021-22.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clear evidence in referral of concerns and impact concentration/ inattention and hyperactivity.</li> <li>- Child &gt; 5years</li> <li>- School and parental information including school questionnaire and validated questionnaires (e.g. Conners forms) from home and school including self completed questionnaires for older children. Evidence of recognised difficulties in both settings.</li> </ul> <p>Xii.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Yes regarding assessment except we do not currently offer assessment of children under 5 years of age which is considered in the 2018 NICE guidance.</li> <li>- Challenges in meeting guidance regarding time frames of follow up for children on medication due to demand / capacity issues. Model to improve this is being considered as part of review of ADHD pathway.</li> </ul> <p>3c. CHILDRENS</p> <p>i. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023</p> <p>ii. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 – March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022</p>
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	<p>3c. ADULTS</p> <p>i. The financial year for 2022-2023 is from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023</p> <p>ii. The financial year for 2021-2022 is from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 to March 2023</p>
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***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***