

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/253**

**ADHD Services**

**Information Requested:**

- 1. Do you have local provisions for all to receive NHS ADHD services? If no, and if relevant, under the NICE guidelines please detail on alternate services which the NHS will fund.**

Yes

- 2. Current waiting time for NHS adult ADHD diagnosis**

Please refer to the enclosed document.

- 3. Current waiting time for NHS child ADHD diagnosis**

35 – 37 months

- 4. Number of adults on waiting list for ADHD diagnosis**

Please refer to the enclosed document.

- 5. Number of children on waiting list for ADHD diagnosis**

1999 patients, although there is a backlog of 768 referrals to triage

- 6. Based on the individual who is currently on the waiting list, what is the longest so far, a patient has been waiting for a diagnosis.**

169 weeks

- 7. How are the waiting list ordered? (i.e. first come first served? or are patients added based on urgency of how symptoms affect them, once on waiting list is it position fixed or can they be bumped down or up?)**

Children and Young People - It is usually first come first serve, although a patient might be expedited depending on the clinical need.

Adult - Prioritisation at screening in line with any other psychiatric sequelae. Otherwise the position is fixed.

- 8. If someone moves out of your region are they removed from the waiting list?**

Yes, if the UHB are informed of their move.

**9. If someone moves into the region do they have to begin at the bottom of the waiting list all over again?**

Children and Young People - No, the referral starts from the date of the referral to the service from which they are been transferred.

Adult – They are based on the date of the referral to the UHB.

**10. Budget value in GBP and percentage allocated to ADHD services**

Children and Young People - £431k

Adults – The UHB does not hold this information, under our Section 16 obligation the duty to provide advise and assistance I can advise that this cannot be disaggregated from general CMHT provision, as it includes pharmacy, Psychiatry time and variations of sessional provision.

**11. Do you operate under 'Right to Choose' (i.e. patients can choose where to get ADHD diagnosis funded by NHS, and can be referred to certain private providers with NHS contracts for diagnoses if NHS waiting list are long)**

No

**12. If relevant, cost to the NHS of using private practices for diagnosis**

N/A

**13. Do you accept private diagnoses and shared care? (i.e. patient seeks private diagnosis due to long NHS waiting lists, will GP then accept this diagnosis and allow patient to receive NHS prescription rather than private?)**

Children and Young People - This is under consultation and waiting guidance from the Health Board

Adult - Depending on the quality of referral and assessment.

**14. How many staff are trained to diagnose and treat ADHD within your region.**

Children and Young People – 13

Adult - Our Psychiatrists are able to diagnose and treat. We have 26 staff currently involved in this work.

**15. Are you making any improvements to these services/do you have any plans to improve these services?**

Children and Young People - Yes, we are, there is the ND focus group, the group tasked with formulating and implementing service improvement around the ND service

Adult - Yes

**16. -Does the region have targets relating to ADHD care and the aforementioned points? If so what are these?**

Children and Young People - Due to the long waiting time and the waiting list volume, there isn't any specific target relating to ADHD care

Adult – No target

**17. If a patient was presenting with severe depression and based on the ADHD pre-assessment undertaken by a GP they showed high likelihood of having ADHD. Would this affect any of the answers to the above points? I.e. would they have access to more support/earlier ADHD diagnosis?**

Children and Young People - If the referral to the CYP ND service were to meet the CYP ND service's urgent/expedite criteria, then the patient will be seen sooner.

Adult – The UHB does not hold this information, under our Section 16 obligation the duty to provide advice and assistance I can advise that as a range of services provide support for depression and may or may not undertake ADHD assessment dependant on where they are in the pathway.