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I am responding to your request for information received 20 May 2021. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours. When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In order to assist you with your request, I have advised below the timing each question would take in order to assist you to refine your request. If you wish to refine your request to comply with the 18 hour time limit, please do get in touch

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Keshia Harvey  
Information Governance Manager

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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**Request:**

**Hello, This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please note there are two parts to this request. Please could you provide the following information:**

**Question 1. The current wait time for an undiagnosed adult to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS**

Answer: This information could be provided within the time limit.

**Question 2. The current wait time for an undiagnosed child to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to collate this information, staff would have to review each referral received and establish the current waiting time and then calculate an average.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this particular part of your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.

**Question 3. The current wait time to see a Cognitive Behavioural Therapist for ADHD following an ADHD diagnosis**

Answer: This information could be provided within the time limit.

**Question 4. The number of children (under the age of 18) with an ADHD diagnosis**

**Question 5. The number of children (under the age of 18) with an ADHD diagnosis who are also being treated for a psychiatric comorbidity, including, but not limited to: depression, anxiety, personality disorders such as borderline personality disorder, sleep disorders and substance abuse. a. Please provide this as a breakdown by comorbidity**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 4 and 5 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the FOI Act states:

*Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—*

*(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and  
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.*

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) does not use the use ICD10 code nor have an ADHD pathway. The information is therefore does not hold the information requested.

**Question 6. The number of adults (over the age of 18) with an ADHD diagnosis**

Answer: This question would need clarification and may be possible to respond within the timescale.

**Question 7. The number of adults (over the age of 18) with an ADHD diagnosis who are also being treated for a psychiatric comorbidity, including, but not limited to: depression, anxiety, personality disorders such as borderline personality disorder, sleep disorders and substance abuse.**

**a. Please provide this as a breakdown by comorbidity**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to collate this information, staff would have to review each referral received and establish the treatment provided as this is not recorded separately on the clinical system.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this particular part of your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.

**Question 8. Please could you also provide the average wait time for each year from 2015-2020, if doing so will not push this request over the cost limit.**

Answer: This question would need clarification and may be possible to respond within the timescale.