

## Freedom of Information Act Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am writing to request information regarding autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (AHD) services.

Please see response below

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. Does your organisation **commission or provide** (please specify) referral, diagnosis or treatment services for the following?
  - a. ASD in children
  - b. ASD in adults
  - c. ADHD in children
  - d. ADHD in adults
  
2. Please provide an overview of the current **digital and physical care pathways**, from referral for assessment to diagnosis and long-term treatment, for **each** of the following.
  - a. ASD in children
  - b. ASD in adults
  - c. ADHD in children
  - d. ADHD in adults
  
3. Please provide each of the following, for **each of the following financial years** 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24, **split by ASD in Children, ASD in adults, ADHD in children and ADHD in adults**.
  - a. Number of:
    - i. People **referred** for diagnosis assessment
    - ii. People **screened/triaged** and **subsequently not assessed**
    - iii. Diagnosis **assessments** completed
    - iv. People subsequently **diagnosed** with the relevant condition
  - b. Average (mean) **waiting time** from referral to assessment (in weeks)
  
4. What was the **total expenditure** by your organisation on **mental health services**, for **each of the following financial years** 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24?
  
5. Please provide each of the following **expenditures by your organisation**, for **each of the following financial years** 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24, **split by ASD in Children, ASD in adults, ADHD in children and ADHD in adults**.
  - a. **Total** expenditure
  - b. **Split** of expenditure by:
    - i. Screening/triage of referrals
    - ii. Diagnosis assessments
    - iii. Post-diagnosis treatment (including medication)
    - iv. Post-diagnosis follow-up
    - v. Other expenditures (please specify)

6. For **all providers used since 2021/22** for the provision of ASD in Children, ASD in adults, ADHD in children or ADHD in adults services, please provide the following information:
- a. Name of provider
  - b. NHS or independent provider
  - c. Categories of **patients served** (children ASD, adult ASD, children ADHD, adult ADHD)
  - d. **Services provided** for your organisation (e.g. screening/triage, diagnostic assessment, treatment, long-term follow-up)
  - e. **Total expenditure by your organisation on their services** for each of the following financial years 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24
  - f. **Number of people accessing their services commissioned by your organisation** for each of the following financial years 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24

Please fill out your responses in the attached [Excel spreadsheet](#)

### **Response from DBTH:**

The Community Paediatric Services have been in place for over ten years in Doncaster. The service covers a variety of services including the CYP Neuro pathways for Doncaster's children and young people to get assessed for autism, ADHD and non-global developmental delay via a General Developmental Assessment (GDA) as well as other condition diagnosis and management.

DBTH manage significant elements of the CYP Neuro pathways namely:

- MDT panel triage of each referral to GDA. The agencies involved in this process are DBTH, School Nursing, Health Visiting, Early Intervention and Localities Service, CAMHS, ASCETS, Early Help, Learning Disabilities and Autism Team, Open Minds Counselling Service, RDASH ADHD pathway Clinical Psychologists. DBTH arranges and hosts the panel.
- GDA assessment
- ASD pathway (clinical psychology input from RDASH sub-contracted)

RDASH manage the:

- ADHD pathway

Although there are elements of the pathway that we manage, it isn't possible at the moment to split out the information in the way the FOI requests therefore we do not hold this information in the way requested

If you are not satisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Requests for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days from the date of this response, and should be addressed to [d.wraith@nhs.net](mailto:d.wraith@nhs.net).

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If you remain dissatisfied after the internal review, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO). The ICO can be contacted at:

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