**FOI 9246 – ADHD and ASD Services**

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

**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** The Trust provides a community paediatric service for Swale only.  Medway patients come under Medway Community Healthcare

**b. ASD in adults** The Trust does not provide an adult ASD service, this is provided by Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust

**c. ADHD in children** The Trust provides a community paediatric service for Swale only.  Medway patients come under Medway Community Healthcare

**d. ADHD in adults** The Trust does not provide an adult ADHD service, this is provided by Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust

**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** Referral from GP/School/Educ Psych/CAMHS Clinicians/YOT/Paediatrician/Children's Services are triaged, parents might be asked for supporting information by filling in questionnaires. Following review of all information, if we feel child does require specialist assessment for ND needs, they will be accepted and added to our waiting list for an assessment. Depending on referral child might require various investigations such as QB test, ADI or ADOS. Child is seen by clinician in the first appointment.

**b. ASD in adults** N/A

**c. ADHD in children** Referral from GP/School/Educ Psych/CAMHS Clinicians/YOT/Paediatrician/Children's Services are triaged, parents might be asked for supporting information by filling in questionnaires. Following review of all information, if we feel child does require specialist assessment for ND needs, they will be accepted and added to our waiting list for an assessment. Depending on referral child might require various investigations such as QB test, ADI or ADOS. Child is seen by clinician in the first appointment.

**d. ADHD in adults** N/A

**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**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | ASD in children | ADHD in children |
| 2021/22 | 102 | 206 |
| 2022/23 | 414 | 529 |
| 2023/24 | 841 | 609 |

**ii. People screened/triaged and subsequently not assessed**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | ASD in children | ADHD in children |
| 2021/22 | <5 | 0 |
| 2022/23 | 218 | 261 |
| 2023/24 | 325 | 251 |

**iii. Diagnosis assessments completed**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | ASD in children | ADHD in children |
| 2021/22 | 101 | 206 |
| 2022/23 | 196 | 268 |
| 2023/24 | 516 | 140 |

**iv. People subsequently diagnosed with the relevant condition**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | ASD in children | ADHD in children |
| 2021/22 | 49 | 140 |
| 2022/23 | 86 | 153 |
| 2023/24 | 97 | 47 |

**b. Average (mean) waiting time from referral to assessment (in weeks)**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | ASD in children | ADHD in children |
| 2021/22 | 17 | 19 |
| 2022/23 | 39 | 36 |
| 2023/24 | 43 | 49 |

**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?** N/A

**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** – The Trust are not able to split the total costs by ASD/ADHD patients or type of the appointment.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 2021/22 | £665,703 |
| 2022/23 | £670,961 |
| 2023/24 | £629,635 |

**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)**

As above, the Trust are not able to split the total costs by ASD/ADHD patients or type of the appointment

**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** N/A

**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**