



18 April 2024

**Our Ref:** RFI 57104

**Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Information in Relation to Adult ADHD Services**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to above which you requested on 6 March 2024. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Thank you for your understanding and forbearance.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Adult Services & Prison Healthcare Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital ([informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net](mailto:informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net)) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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**Rebecca Manning**  
**Information Governance Officer**

**Q1. How many people have ADHD in Northern Ireland?**

A1. The Trust does not hold data for all people with ADHD within Northern Ireland, the Trust only holds data for Trust patients with ADHD. However, the information requested is not held on a central information system. To obtain this information would require a manual review of records.

This would exceed the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust therefore exempts the release of this information under Section 12(1).

12.-(1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this statement acts as a Refusal Notice in regards to question 1.

**Q2. How many are on the waiting list for assessment?**

A2. Please note that there is currently no Adult ADHD Service commissioned within the Trust, however the Trust have set up a specialist clinic – ADHD services for Adults (ASA).

There are in excess of 1000 people awaiting a diagnostic assessment, unfortunately the Trust are currently unable to offer diagnostic assessments due to lack of commissioned funding and also due to the increased demand on capacity by patients with an existing diagnosis of ADHD.

**Q3. How many adults have been assessed?**

A3. There have been approximately 53 adults assessed within the Trust, however due to demand outweighing capacity for reviews and monitoring, diagnostic assessments have now stopped due to lack of commissioned funding.

**Q4. Are there any ratios in regards to male/female waiting list and diagnosis? cultural diversity?**

A4. The Trust does not collate the requested data broken down by male/female or cultural diversity, therefore are unable to provide the information requested.