



# North East and North Cumbria

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By Email

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information – NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB)**

Thank you for your request received by North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) on 19 April 2023 for information held by NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

NENC ICB covers the areas of County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle, North Cumbria, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, Sunderland and Tees Valley.

Please find the information you requested on behalf of the ICB as follows.

**Your Request**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information on waiting times for ADHD assessments in England:

1. The number of undiagnosed children (under the age of 18) currently on the waiting list for an ADHD assessment on the NHS.
  - 1a. Please can you also provide the same information for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.
  
2. The current average waiting time for an undiagnosed child (under the age of 18) to see a psychiatrist for ADHD assessment after being referred from a GP on the NHS.
  - 2a. The longest waiting time for a child currently on the list.

- 2b. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.
3. How many child assessments were done in the past year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.  
3a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.
4. The current average waiting time for a child (under the age of 18) between ADHD diagnosis and starting treatment on the NHS. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by type of treatment (medication or behavioural therapy)  
4a. The longest waiting time between diagnosis and treatment for a child currently on the list.  
4b. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.
5. The number of undiagnosed adults currently on the waiting list for an ADHD assessment on the NHS.  
5a. Please can you also provide the same information for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit
6. The current average wait time for an undiagnosed adult to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS.  
6a. The longest waiting time for an adult currently on the list  
6b. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.
7. How many adult assessments were done in the past year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.  
7a. Please can you also provide this same information for each of the prior five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.
8. The current average waiting time for an adult between ADHD diagnosis and starting treatment on the NHS. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by type of treatment (medication or behavioural therapy)  
8a. The longest waiting time between diagnosis and treatment for an adult currently on the list.  
8b. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the past five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.

## Our Response

*NENC ICB does not hold the requested information. You will need to contact the providers of the service which are the Mental Health Trusts as noted below:*

<b>NENC Mental Health Hospital FTs</b>	<b>Email</b>
<i>Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne &amp; Wear NHS FT</i>	<i>foi@cntw.nhs.uk</i>
<i>Tees, Esk &amp; Wear Valley NHS FT</i>	<i>tewv.foi@nhs.net</i>

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS ICB website <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/>.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Senior Governance Manager using the contact details at the top of this letter quoting the appropriate reference number.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the North of England Commissioning Support Unit.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Any information we provide following your request under the Freedom of Information Act will not confer an automatic right for you to re-use that information, for example to publish it. If you wish to re-use the information that we provide and you do not specify this in your initial application for information then you must make a further request for its re-use as per the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015 [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk) . This will not affect your initial information request.

Yours sincerely

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