

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000)

*The Adult ADHD service at EPUT started in August 2021, therefore 2021 activity does not reflect the entire calendar year.

The provision of the Children's ADHD service by Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust only commenced from 1st March 2022.

1) Do you use screening before referring individuals to be assessed for ADHD.
This question is not applicable as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust is a provider and therefore receives referrals for ADHD assessments.

a. If yes, when did you introduce screening?

N/A

2) For the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 please provide the following broken down by calendar year.

a. Number of people who sought/referred for an ADHD diagnosis.

| Referral Type | 2021* | 2022 |
|-----------------|-------|------|
| ADHD Assessment | 187 | 1948 |

The Trust commenced providing a children's ADHD service from 1st March 2022, the total referrals for children's ADHD 1st March – 31st Dec 2022 was **1567**

b. Number of individuals who received screening.

See response to question 1

c. Number of individuals who were then referred for assessment.

| Referral Type | 2021* | 2022 |
|-----------------|-------|------|
| ADHD Assessment | 187 | 1948 |

A total of **61** Assessments for Children's ADHD were recorded between 1st March 2022 and 31st December 2022.

d. Number of those assessed who were given an official diagnosis.

| Service Diagnosed | 2021* | 2022 |
|--------------------|-------|------|
| Patients diagnosed | 9 | 84 |

A total of **115** ADHD Diagnosis for children's ADHD were recorded between 1st March – 31st December 2022.

Under the previous provider, there was no provision for QB Testing of ADHD. Once Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust publicised to the community that we were offering a local service, referrals quickly came in, on top of a referral backlog that Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust inherited.

This is why the number diagnosed is greater than the assessments, as these will include those where the original referral was prior to 1/3/22 and the assessment would have been undertaken with the previous provider.

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