

ND ref. **FOI/16/330**

Freedom of Information

Thank you for your 04/11/16 request for the following information:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information (FoI) Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding the provision of services for Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) within your organisation. If you are not the appropriate officer, please do pass the request on to the correct individual.

As noted in the NICE Quality Standard for ADHD (<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs39>), can you please provide information on:

- What proportion of children and young people with symptoms of ADHD have been referred to an ADHD specialist for assessment in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 1)*

- What proportion of adults with symptoms of ADHD without a childhood diagnosis of ADHD have been referred to an ADHD specialist for assessment in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 2)*

- What proportion of adults who were diagnosed with ADHD as children or young people and present with symptoms of continuing ADHD have been referred to general adult psychiatric services in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 3)*

- What proportion of parents or carers of children with symptoms of ADHD who meet the NICE eligibility criteria have been offered a referral to a parent training programme in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 4)*

- What proportion of children and young people with moderate ADHD have been offered a referral to a psychological group treatment programme in the past 12 months (Quality Statement 5)*

- In the past 24 months, what proportion of eligible patients with ADHD who are starting drug treatment go on to have their initial drug dose adjusted and response assessed by an ADHD specialist (Quality Statement 6)*

- In the past 24 months, what proportion of eligible patients with ADHD who are taking drug treatment have a specialist review at least annually to assess their need for continued treatment (Quality Statement 7)*

In addition, can you please provide information on:

- The number of people with symptoms of ADHD who have come into contact with your service in the past 12 months:*
 - o Children and young people*

 - o adults*

- The number of people referred with symptoms of ADHD who are currently waiting for their first outpatients appointment:*

- o *Children and young people*

- o *adults*

- *The average waiting time from referral to first outpatients appointment in the past 12 months for*
 - o *Children and young people presenting with symptoms of ADHD*

 - o *Adults presenting for the first time with symptoms of ADHD*

- *The range of waiting times (ie shortest to longest) for patients from referral to first outpatient appointment in the past 12 months for*
 - o *Children and young people presenting with symptoms of ADHD*

 - o *Adults presenting for the first time with symptoms of ADHD*

- *What specialist services are available for referral for adults presenting with symptoms of ADHD*

- *Does your organisation provide a transition to an adult service for adolescents with ADHD*

- *The age at which your organisation transitions a young person diagnosed with ADHD to general adult psychiatric services*

- *Does your organisation receive out of area referrals for specialist ADHD services?*

Answer: The paediatric service does not take part in ADHD assessment and treatment. This area of work remains with the CAMHS team of Integrated Children's Service, Devon, Virgin Care Limited.

We would advise that you raise this with Integrated Children's Services Devon who run CAMHS. You can contact the Freedom of Information Lead at the following email address: VCL.feedbackchildrensservicesDevon@nhs.net

or alternatively write to the Freedom of Information Lead at the following address:

Integrated Children's Services, Devon, Unit 1 Capital Court, Bittern Road, Sowton Industrial Estate, Exeter, EX2 7FW.