

Our Ref: PW/AKB/FOI-12-211

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Dear

**FOI-12-211**

**Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request dated the 29<sup>th</sup> December 2022. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does hold some of the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below:

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to request information relating to the provision of ASD (Autism spectrum disorder) services by NHS Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent ICB.**

**Please provide the following information to the email address specified below.**

- 1. Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) CYP (children and young people) ASD assessment / diagnoses in your ICB area?**

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust (NSCHT) and Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (MPFT).

- a) When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end?**

Rolling contract for over 10 years for NSCHT CAMHS that includes assessment of ASD. MPFT contract started October 2019 and is a rolling contract.

- b) What is the annual spend for this service for 2022, and for the last 5 years?**

Spend is not itemised that is specific to ASD. Please redirect your request to NSCHT and MPFT. Contact details as follows:

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust  
<https://www.combined.nhs.uk/get-in-touch/freedom-of-information/>

Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust  
<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-information>

- c) How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?**

Block contract.

- d) If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?**

Not applicable.

- e) At what prevalence (% of the child population) have the contracts been commissioned against?**

Service is not commissioned against activity numbers.

- 2. Does the same organisation as for Question 1 also deliver CYP ASD prescriptions and post-diagnosis ASD support in your ICB area? If not, please provide the same information for this organisation.**

Yes.

- 3. Please outline the CYP ASD pathway in your area, including key referral sources?**

Referral is via NSCHT and MPFFT Children's access point. Please redirect your request to NSCHT and MPFFT re referral sources and for a copy of the pathway.

- 4. How many children and young people are currently waiting for a CYP ASD assessment in your area? What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?**

The ICB does not hold this information. Please redirect your request to NSCHT and MPFFT.

- a) Within the last year, how many children and young people were assessed within 12 weeks of referral?**

The ICB has limited information. Please refer to NSCHT and MPFFT.

- b) Within the last year, how many children and young people were discharged without assessment?**

The ICB does not hold this information. Please redirect your request to NSCHT and MPFFT.

- c) Please answer Questions 4, 4a, 4b for as many historic years as possible, up to 5 years?**

Not applicable.

**5. For the last 5 years, please give the number of CYP patients per year in the ICB who were:**

**a) Referred for ASD assessment**

The ICB does not hold this information. Please redirect your request to NSCHT and MPFT.

**b) Given an ASD assessment**

The ICB does not hold this information. Please redirect your request to NSCHT and MPFT.

**c) Given an ASD assessment from a 'Right to Choose' provider, outside the service contracted**

The ICB does not hold this information.

**d) Diagnosed with ASD**

The ICB does not hold this information. Please redirect your request to NSCHT and MPFT.

**6. For the last 5 years, what was the average number of ASD-qualified staff delivering services in the area? How does this split by role:**

- a) Qualified psychiatrists**
- b) Paediatricians**
- c) Speech and Language therapists**
- d) Clinical Psychologists**
- e) For a-d, please also give numbers of trainees**

The ICB does not hold this information. Please redirect your request to NSCHT and MPFT.

**7. Please provide equivalent answers for Questions 1-6, but for Adult ASD services in the ICB. If the ICB does not distinguish between CYP and Adult ASD services, please answer Questions 1-6 for all patients collectively**

**1. Please name the organisation(s) that deliver(s) Adult ASD assessment / diagnoses in your ICB area?**

**NSCHT and Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BCHFT).**

**a) When did the contract(s) begin and when is the contract(s) due to end?**

**Rolling contract for over 10 years with NSCHT. Contract dates back to 2015 with BCHFT with new contract in process currently.**

**a) What is the annual spend for this service for 2022, and for the last 5 years?**

**Spend is not itemised that is specific to ASD, please redirect to NSCHT and BCHFT. Contact details as follows:**

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust

<https://www.combined.nhs.uk/get-in-touch/freedom-of-information/>

Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

[Freedom of Information :: Black Country Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust](#)

**b) How is the service contracted – is it Block, Activity-based, or AQP contracting?**

Block for NSCHT and activity based for BCHFT.

**c) If the service is commissioned with other CCGs, ICSs or Trusts, which are these?**

Not applicable.

**d) At what prevalence (% of the adult population) have the contracts been commissioned against?**

Service is not commissioned against activity numbers.

**2. Does the same organisation as for Question 1 also deliver adult ASD prescriptions and post-diagnosis ASD support in your ICB area? If not, please provide the same information for this organisation.**

Yes.

**3. Please outline the adult ASD pathway in your area, including key referral sources?**

Referral is via NSCHT's adult access point for northern Staffordshire. Please re-direct to NSCHT re referral sources and for a copy of the pathway. For BCHFT referral is directly from GPs.

**4. How many adults are currently waiting for an ASD assessment in your area? What is the longest and median wait time from a referral?**

The ICB does not hold this information please redirect to BCHFT and NSCHT.

**a) Within the last year, how many adults were assessed within 12 weeks of referral?**

The ICB has limited information, please refer to NSCHT and BCHFT.

- b) Within the last year, how many adults were discharged without assessment?**

The ICB does not hold this information please redirect to NSCHT and BCHFT.

- c) Please answer Questions 4, 4a, 4b for as many historic years as possible, up to 5 years?**

Not applicable.

- 5. For the last 5 years, please give the number of adult patients per year in the ICB who were:**

- a) Referred for ASD assessment**
- b) Given an ASD assessment**
- c) Given an ASD assessment from a 'Right to Choose' provider, outside the service contracted**
- d) Diagnosed with ASD**

The ICB holds partial information, please redirect to NSCHT and BCHFT.

- 6. For the last 5 years, what was the average number of ASD-qualified staff delivering services in the area? How does this split by role:**

- a) Qualified psychiatrists**
- b) Paediatricians**
- c) Speech and Language therapists**
- d) Clinical Psychologists**
- e) For a-d, please also give numbers of trainees**

The ICB does not hold this information please redirect to NSCHT and BCHFT.

### **Right of Appeal**

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

### **To request an internal review**

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board FOI team by emailing the team at [StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk](mailto:StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk) or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO 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)

Yours sincerely

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