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Dear

**FOI/0226/1608**

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

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, received on the 5 February 2026. We can now confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

An anonymised copy of this response will be made publicly available on the ICB website. Please note the ICBs responses in [blue text](#).

1. Do you currently have a commissioned adult ADHD assessment service?

[Yes. Patients who meet the clinical threshold for moderate to severe impairment may be referred either to a Right to Choose \(RTC\) provider or, where more appropriate, to the locally commissioned services at North Staffs Combined Healthcare Trust \(NSCHT\) or Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust \(MPUFT\).](#)

2. How many adults do you have waiting for an adult ADHD assessment?

[MPFT Adult combined ADHD and Autism \(ASD\) Pathway = 5555 patients / NSCHT Adult ADHD Pathway = 1579 patients waiting for triage; 1882 patients waiting for assessment.](#)

3. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for an adult ADHD Assessment?

[Ranging from approximately 99 to 313 weeks; at the two NHS providers.](#)

4. What is your current longest waiting time (in weeks) for an adult ADHD Assessment?

[313 weeks](#)

5. What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject adults who have been referred for an ADHD assessment?

[An adult patient can be referred directly to NSCHT or MPFT who will triage the referral against nationally defined NICE guidance. The ICB has a Referral Management Service in place for all Adult ADHD RTC referrals as per NHS Commissioner guidance. Applications are triaged to determine their clinical appropriateness to progress for assessment.](#)

6. Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for adults with ADHD?

Yes. Our commissioned providers are contractually obliged to provide NICE compliant services. The ICB's Right to Choose referral pathway reflects NICE principles and requirement for appropriate evidence and engagement in treatment.

7. Do you currently have a commissioned child ADHD assessment service?

Yes.

8. How many children do you have waiting for a child ADHD assessment?

The MPFT CYP ADHD Pathway has 371 patients waiting for triage, 118 patients waiting for assessment. The ICB does not currently receive this information from North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust – please raise a new FOI request with this organisation.

9. What is your current expected waiting time (in weeks) for a child ADHD Assessment?

The ICB does not hold this information – please raise new FOI requests with the organisation name in our answer to question 1.

10. What is your current longest waiting time (in weeks) for a child ADHD Assessment?

See answer to question 9.

11. What is your process for reviewing and deciding whether to accept or reject children who have been referred for an ADHD assessment?

A patient can be referred directly to either NSCHT or MPFT who will triage the referral information accordingly against nationally defined NICE guidance for children's ADHD assessment and care.

12. Is your organisation confident that it is satisfying the NICE guidelines for children with ADHD?

Yes, see our answer to question 6.

13. Has your organisation put any restrictions on Right to Choose services for diagnoses.

No.

a. If so, what restrictions have been put in place.

The ICB's commissioned services with both MPFT and NSCHT are provided to residents who are registered with a GP in either Staffordshire or Stoke-on-Trent. The services are age specific, up to 18 years of age for children, and no upper age limit for adult services (with clinical discretion applied).

b. If so, which companies, does it apply to.

N/A

14. Has your organisation paused taking on new ADHD diagnoses at all.

No.

a. If so, why.

N/A

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 ICB FOI team by emailing; [staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk](mailto:staffsstokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk) or by post to the address at the top of this letter within 40 working days of the initial response.

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:

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Water Lane  
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Yours sincerely

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