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Subject: ADHD Assessments

## REQUEST

Please may you provide us with answers to the following questions:

1. How many people are currently on your waiting list for ADHD assessments?
2. How many assessments have you carried out every calendar year between 2018 and 2023?
3. How many ADHD referrals did you receive each calendar year between 2018 and 2023?
4. How many ADHD referrals did you accept each calendar year between 2018 and 2023?
5. What is the (mean) average time patients wait between referral and an assessment for ADHD for each calendar year between 2018 and 2023?

If possible, please break the above responses down between children and adults.

## RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

1. How many people are currently on your waiting list for ADHD assessments?

St Helens and Knowsley:

512 patients

Southport and Ormskirk:

We currently have 230 patients on our waiting list; however, we are unable to confirm who is waiting for an ADHD assessment as all these children will be assessed for neurodevelopment concerns.

**2. How many assessments have you carried out every calendar year between 2018 and 2023?**

St Helens and Knowsley:

Section 12: cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

The Trust would need to undertake a manual review of patient records to provide the information requested. We estimate that providing this information would far exceed the appropriate limits.

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not have to comply with a request where it is estimated that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit is specified within the regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days answering the request, either wholly or partially.

Southport and Ormskirk:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. Assessments</b>
2018	47
2019	121
2020	71
2021	55
2022	66
2023	170

**3. How many ADHD referrals did you receive each calendar year between 2018 and 2023?**

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4. How many ADHD referrals did you accept each calendar year between 2018 and 2023?

Please refer to the response to question 2.

5. What is the (mean) average time patients wait between referral and an assessment for ADHD for each calendar year between 2018 and 2023?

Please refer to the response to question 3.