

## Freedom of Information Request

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Reference Number: [EPUT.FOI.22.2608](#)  
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### Information Requested:

1. The current wait time for an undiagnosed child (under the age of 18) to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS.  
[The Trust is not commissioned to provide Children ADHD Services.](#)
  - a. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.  
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2. The current wait time for an undiagnosed adult to see a psychiatrist for ADHD after being referred from a GP on the NHS.  
[The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the <https://eput.nhs.uk/media/dzzk021d/eput-foi-22-2575.pdf> website under August 2022 reference EPUT.FOI.22.2575 and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act \(Information accessible to applicant by other means\).](#)
  - b. Please can you also provide the average wait time for each of the last five years, if doing so won't push this request over the cost limit.  
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3. The number of children (under the age of 18) with an ADHD diagnosis. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.  
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4. How many adult assessments were done in the last year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.  
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5. How many children assessments were done in the last year. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

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6. In the last year how many adult ADHD assessment referrals have been rejected. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust does not hold a report that contains gender on our system. The Trust is unable to provide part of the information requested as this would require a manual trawl of all records as this would exceed the time and cost limits, as set out in the Act. The Trust is therefore applying Section 12 of the Act (where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

We can advise that we have had 10 referrals that have rejected by the Adult ADHD service during the period August 2021 to July 2022.

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7. In the last year how many children ADHD assessment referrals have been rejected. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

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8. In the last year how many adults with an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust does not report diagnosis on our reporting system. This would require a manual trawl of all records as this would exceed the time and cost limits, as set out in the Act. The Trust is therefore applying Section 12 of the Act (where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

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10. In the last year how many adults on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.  
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11. In the last year how many children on the waiting list for an ADHD diagnosis had a death recorded as suicide. Please provide the total and (if available) a breakdown by gender.
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**Section 12 (Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit):**

- (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not exempt the public authority from its obligation to comply with paragraph (a) of section 1(1) unless the estimated cost of complying with that paragraph alone would exceed the appropriate limit.

- (3) In subsections (1) and (2) “the appropriate limit” means such amount as may be prescribed, and different amounts may be prescribed in relation to different cases.
- (4) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, where two or more requests for information are made to a public authority—
  - (a) by one person, or
  - (b) by different persons who appear to the public authority to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign, the estimated cost of complying with any of the requests is to be taken to be the estimated total cost of complying with all of them.

**Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means.**

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority’s publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

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